

Supporting Information for

Photoredox-catalyzed radical-radical cross coupling of ketyl radicals with unstabilized primary alkyl radicals

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1. General information

1.1 Solvents, reagents, and starting materials

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware. All photocatalysts, potassium [18-crown-6] bis(catecholato)-alkylsilicates **2**, and β -phthaliminoacrylate methyl ester **6** were reported in our previous literatures.¹ The activated carbonyl compounds **4** and (ω -bromoalkyl)phthalimides **9** were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. In addition to the commercially available phthalimides **1**, other known *N*-substituted phthalimides can be easily prepared according to reported procedures.² Dried solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise noted.

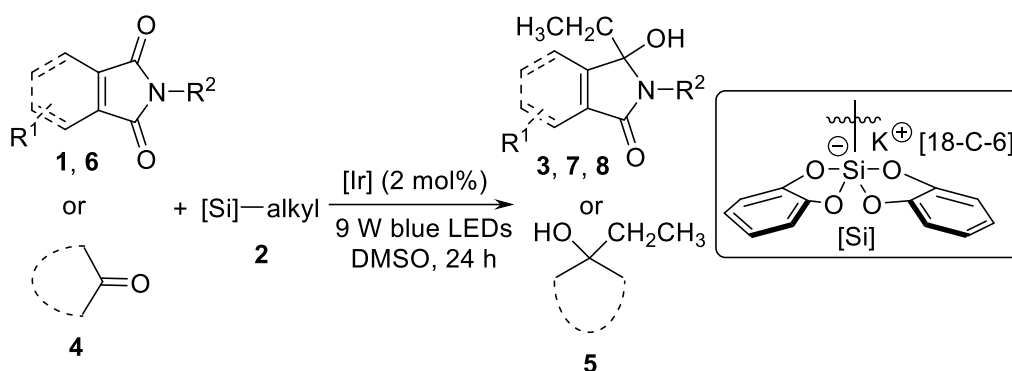
1.2 Instruments

¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and ¹⁹F NMR nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (500 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane, and calibrated using residue undeuterated solvent (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR, 77.0 ppm ¹³C NMR). Spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Agilent 6210 ESI/TOF MS, Thermo Q Exactive Plus, and Waters G2-Xs QTOF mass spectrometers. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄plates. Visualization was accomplished with short wave UV light, or KMnO₄ staining solutions. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300-400 mesh) with solvents to use.

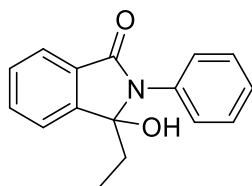
1.3 Picture of a typical reaction setup



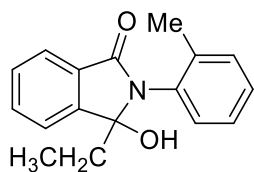
2. General procedure of photocatalysed radical-radical cross coupling reaction of ketyl radical with primary alkyl radical



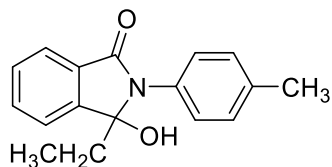
To an oven dried transparent 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol %) and *N*-arylphthalimides **1**, **6** or activated ketones **4** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. Then, potassium [18-crown-6] bis(catecholato)-alkylsilicate **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added into the tube. The tube was sealed with a rubber septum. The tube was then charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL, 0.033 M) via a syringe under N₂. The tube was irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowel for 24 h (cooling with a fan). After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution, and was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and solvent was evaporated to obtain crude product. Flash chromatography over silica gel afforded the product.



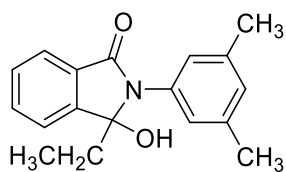
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (3a). The product **3a** was obtained in 78% (39.5 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1H), 0.45 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 146.0, 135.5, 132.8, 131.1, 129.7, 128.8, 126.8, 126.3, 123.7, 121.7, 93.9, 28.8, 7.8. This compound has been reported in the published literature.³



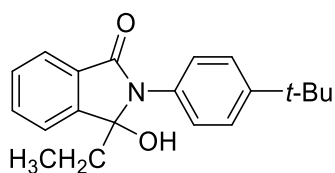
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(o-tolyl)isoindolin-1-one (3b). The product **3b** was obtained in 57% (30.5 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.75 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 1.5H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2.5H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 0.5H), 2.78 (s, 0.5H), 2.23 (s, 1.5H), 2.22 (s, 1.5H), 2.21-2.17 (m, 0.5H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 0.5H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 0.5H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 0.5H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1.5H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1.5H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , observed as a mixture of rotamers) δ 166.9, 165.8, 146.9, 146.0, 139.1, 137.2, 133.8, 133.1, 132.6, 132.4, 131.5, 131.3, 131.2, 130.9, 129.7(4), 129.6(5), 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 126.4, 124.0(4), 123.9(6), 122.5, 121.9, 93.7, 92.8, 30.6, 29.9, 19.1, 18.8, 8.6, 8.4. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁴



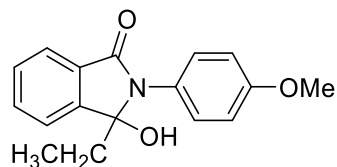
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)isoindolin-1-one (3c). The product **3c** was obtained in 67% (35.8 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.09-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.89 (m, 1H), 0.43 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 146.1, 136.3, 132.6(4), 132.5(6), 131.0, 129.4, 129.3, 126.1, 123.4, 121.7, 93.8, 28.7, 21.1, 7.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁵



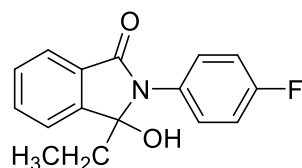
2-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3d). The product **3d** was obtained in 61% (34.3 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.11-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.95 (m, 1H), 0.50 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 146.0, 138.3, 135.1, 132.7, 131.2, 129.6, 128.8, 124.3, 123.6, 121.7, 93.7, 28.9, 21.4, 7.9. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶



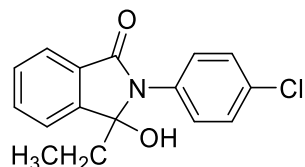
2-(4-(*Tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3e). The product **3e** was obtained in 88% (54.6 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 149.5, 146.0, 132.5(8), 132.5(7), 131.1, 129.4, 125.9, 125.7, 123.6, 121.7, 93.7, 34.5, 31.3, 28.8, 7.8. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₀H₂₃NO₂Na: 332.1621, found 332.1626.



3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoindolin-1-one (3f). The product **3f** was obtained in 49% (27.9 mg) yield as a yellow liquid column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (br, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 1H), 0.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 158.1, 146.1, 132.5, 131.0, 129.4, 127.9, 127.8, 123.3, 121.7, 114.0, 93.6, 55.3, 28.8, 7.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶

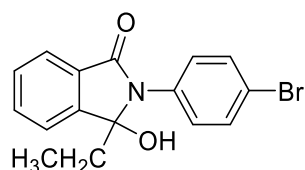


3-Ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3g). The product **3g** was obtained in 43% (23.2 mg) yield as a white solid column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.88 (m, 1H), 0.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 161.0 (d, *J* = 239.4 Hz), 146.0, 132.9, 131.3, 130.7, 129.6, 127.8 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 123.5, 121.8, 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 93.9, 28.7, 7.6. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.0. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂FNa: 294.0906, found 294.0904.

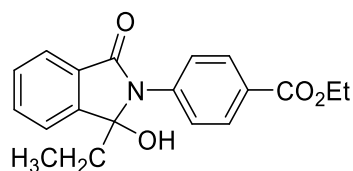


2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3h). The product **3h** was obtained in 62% (35.6 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 0.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1,

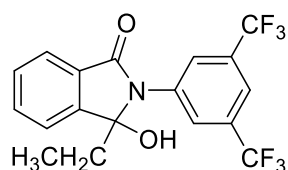
146.0, 134.1, 133.0, 132.0, 130.5, 129.7, 128.8, 126.7, 123.5, 121.7, 94.1, 28.6, 7.6. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁵



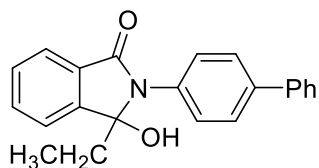
2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3i). The product **3i** was obtained in 69% (45.7 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 2.11-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 1H), 0.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 146.0, 134.6, 133.0, 131.7, 130.4, 129.6, 126.9, 123.4, 121.7, 119.9, 94.2, 28.5, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶



Ethyl 4-(1-ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxoisoindolin-2-yl)benzoate (3j). The product **3j** was obtained in 53% (34.2 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.70 (br, 1H), 4.39-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 166.2, 146.1, 140.0, 133.2, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 127.7, 124.2, 123.6, 121.7, 94.5, 61.0, 28.6, 14.3, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁵

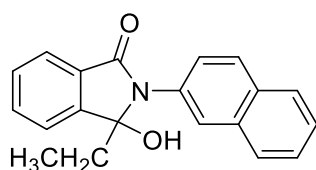


2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3k). The product **3k** was obtained in 37% (29.1 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (s, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 1H), 0.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 145.8, 137.7, 133.8, 131.9 (q, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 129.9, 129.4, 123.7(3), 123.6(9), 123.0 (q, *J* = 273.4 Hz), 121.8, 119.2(m), 94.9, 28.5, 7.5. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.9. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁵

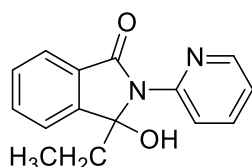


2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3l). The product **3l** was obtained in 30% (19.9 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography.

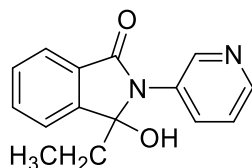
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 4H), 4.26 (br, 1H), 2.14-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.99 (m, 1H), 0.45 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 146.1, 140.4, 139.2, 134.7, 132.8, 130.8, 129.6, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.1, 123.5, 121.7, 94.1, 28.8, 7.7. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 330.1494, found 330.1498.



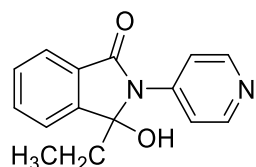
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3m). The product **3m** was obtained in 57% (34.6 mg) yield as a brown solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.55 (m, 6H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (br, 1H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 1H), 0.44 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 146.1, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 131.9, 130.9, 129.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 124.3, 124.0, 123.6, 121.8, 94.3, 28.8, 7.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶



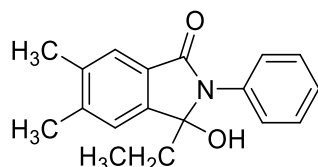
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(pyridin-2-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3n). The product **3n** was obtained in 73% (37.1 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41-8.36 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 1H), 0.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 152.0, 146.5, 145.8, 138.7, 133.4, 131.0, 129.6, 124.0, 121.8, 119.8, 116.6, 95.0, 31.7, 8.4. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁷



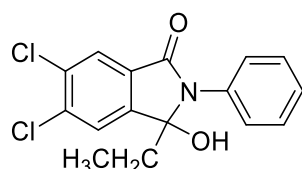
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(pyridin-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3o). The product **3o** was obtained in 78% (39.7 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.31-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.08 (br, 1H), 2.19-2.12 (m 1H), 2.03-1.94 (m, 1H), 0.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 146.8, 146.4, 146.2, 133.3(1), 133.3(0), 133.0, 130.5, 129.8, 123.8, 123.6, 121.9, 94.1, 29.0, 7.6. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁷



3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(pyridin-4-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3p). The product **3p** was obtained in 40% (20.4 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (br, 1H), 2.31-2.17 (m, 2H), 0.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 149.9, 146.3, 144.2, 133.8, 130.1, 129.9, 123.9, 121.7, 117.2, 94.7, 28.6, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁷

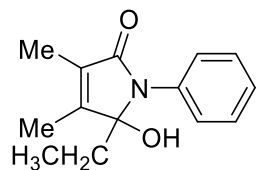


3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-5,6-dimethyl-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (3q). The product **3q** was obtained in 23% (13.2 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 3.56 (br, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.95 (m, 1H), 0.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 143.9, 142.4, 138.6, 135.8, 129.0, 128.8, 126.6, 126.2, 124.5, 122.6, 93.7, 28.8, 20.6, 20.0, 7.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂Na: 304.1313, found 304.1315.

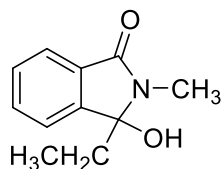


5,6-Dichloro-3-ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (3r). The product **3r** was obtained in 37% (23.8 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.06 (br, 1H), 2.08-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.91 (m, 1H), 0.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1,

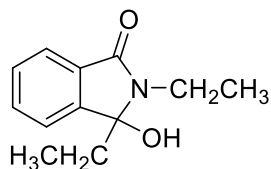
145.3, 137.6, 134.7, 134.6, 130.6, 128.9, 127.2, 126.0, 125.3, 124.2, 93.5, 28.7, 7.7.
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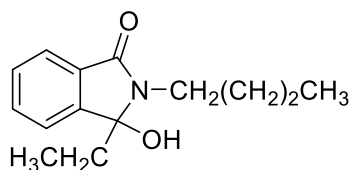
5-Ethyl-5-hydroxy-3,4-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (3s). The product **3s** was obtained in 12% (5.6 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.74 (m, 2H), 0.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.3, 150.1, 136.1, 129.4, 128.8, 125.9, 125.1, 94.5, 26.0, 9.9, 8.5, 7.3. HRMS (ESI) $[M+H]^+$: calculated for $C_{14}H_{18}NO_2$: 232.1338, found 232.1335.



3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-methylisoindolin-1-one (3t). The product **3t** was obtained in 55% (21.1 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 4.30 (br, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 1H), 0.39 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.5, 146.4, 132.1, 131.2, 129.2, 122.9, 121.7, 91.3, 28.3, 23.0, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶

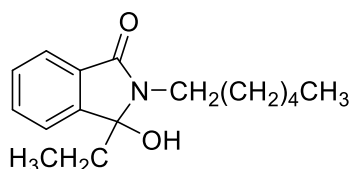


2,3-Diethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3u). The product **3u** was obtained in 20% (8.2 mg) yield as a colorless liquid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.76 (br, 1H), 2.24-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.52 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.3, 146.3, 132.2, 131.8, 129.6, 123.1, 121.5, 92.2, 33.3, 28.9, 14.5, 7.9. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁸

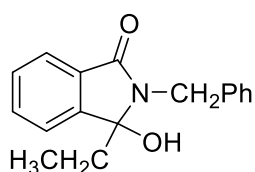


2-Butyl-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3v). The product **3v** was obtained in 50% (23.3 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz,

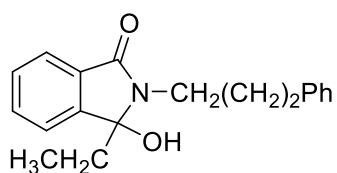
CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.11 (br, 1H), 3.09-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 146.3, 132.1, 131.6, 129.4, 123.1, 121.6, 92.1, 38.5, 31.2, 28.9, 20.6, 13.8, 7.8. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁹



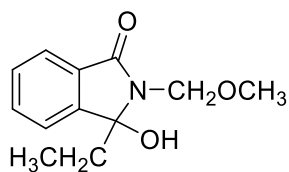
3-Ethyl-2-hexyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3w). The product **3w** was obtained in 39% (20.4 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 3.06-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.28 (m, 6H), 0.90-0.87 (m, 3H), 0.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 146.4, 132.1, 131.6, 129.4, 123.1, 121.5, 92.1, 38.7, 31.5, 29.0, 28.9, 27.1, 22.6, 14.0, 7.8. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₆H₂₃NO₂Na : 284.1626, found 284.1630.



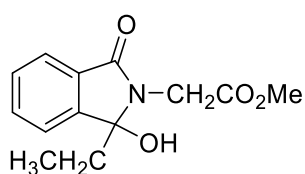
2-Benzyl-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3x). The product **3x** was obtained in 50% (26.7 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 3H), 4.54 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (br, 1H), 2.13-1.97 (m, 2H), 0.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 146.5, 138.2, 132.4, 131.2, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 123.4, 121.7, 92.5, 41.9, 29.2, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁰



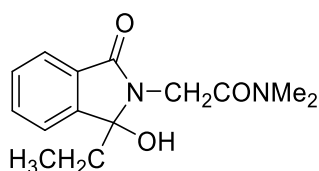
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(3-phenylpropyl)isoindolin-1-one (3y). The product **3y** was obtained in 43% (25.4 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.20-1.95 (m, 4H), 0.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 146.3, 141.6, 132.2, 131.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 123.2, 121.6, 92.1, 38.5, 33.7, 30.5, 28.9, 7.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₉H₂₁NO₂Na: 318.1470, found 318.1469.



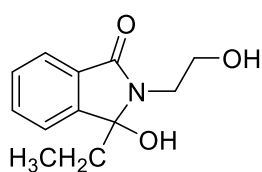
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(methoxymethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3z). The product **3z** was obtained in 41% (18.1 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (br, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.15 (m, 2H), 0.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 146.6, 133.1, 130.4, 129.6, 123.7, 121.9, 91.8, 70.0, 57.0, 30.0, 7.9. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹¹



Methyl 2-(1-ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxoisoindolin-2-yl)acetate (3aa). The product **3aa** was obtained in 42% (21.0 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.24-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.99 (m, 1H), 0.55 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 167.7, 146.9, 132.8, 130.7, 129.7, 123.6, 121.9, 91.5, 52.7, 39.7, 28.6, 7.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁸

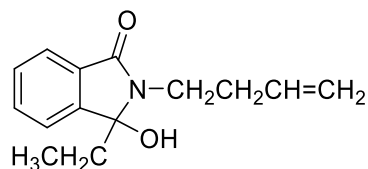


2-(1-Ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxoisoindolin-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylacetamide (3ab). The product **3ab** was obtained in 45% (23.6 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 5.33 (br, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 1H), 0.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 168.4, 147.8, 132.6, 130.5, 129.1, 123.4, 121.7, 91.2, 40.2, 36.8, 36.2, 29.0, 7.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹²

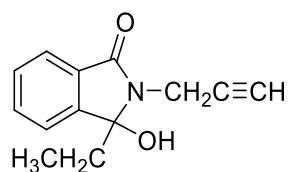


3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ac). The product **3ac** was obtained in 50% (22.3 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H

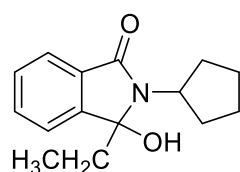
NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 4.57 (br, 1H), 3.97-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.23 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.09 (m, 2H), 0.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 146.3, 132.6, 131.0, 129.6, 123.3, 121.6, 91.5, 61.8, 41.4, 29.0, 7.7. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₁₂H₁₅NO₃Na: 244.0950, found 244.0951.



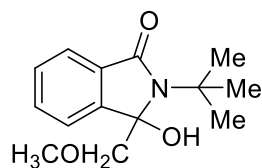
2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3ad). The product **3ad** was obtained in 31% (14.4 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 5.90-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.03 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.24-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.62 (s, 1H), 2.59-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.08 (m, 2H), 0.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 146.3, 136.0, 132.3, 131.5, 129.6, 123.2, 121.6, 116.8, 92.0, 38.1, 33.2, 28.8, 7.8. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹³



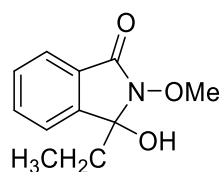
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3ae). The product **3ae** was obtained in 56% (24.1 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.13 (br, 1H), 2.28-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 0.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 146.4, 132.7, 130.9, 129.7, 123.5, 121.8, 92.0, 78.9, 70.7, 29.0, 26.8, 8.1. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁸



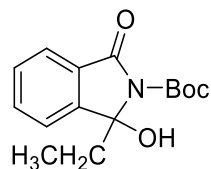
2-Cyclopentyl-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3af). The product **3af** was obtained in 60% (29.4 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.81 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.53 (m, 2H), 0.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 145.7, 132.6, 131.9, 129.6, 122.8, 121.5, 92.3, 52.2, 30.0, 29.1, 29.0, 25.1, 25.0, 8.0. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₅H₂₀NO₂: 246.1494, found 246.1496.



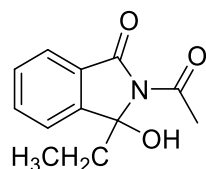
2-(*tert*-Butyl)-3-hydroxy-3-(methoxymethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ag). The product **3ag** was obtained in 38% (19.1 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 4.01 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 146.9, 131.9, 131.8, 129.5, 122.6, 121.5, 92.0, 76.0, 59.3, 56.4, 29.1. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$: 272.1263, found 272.1269.



3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-methoxyisoindolin-1-one (3ah). The product **3ah** was obtained in 42% (17.4 mg) yield as a brown liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.47 (br, 1H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 1H), 0.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4, 143.6, 133.1, 129.7, 129.0, 123.4, 121.9, 92.1, 65.7, 28.9, 7.9. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁷

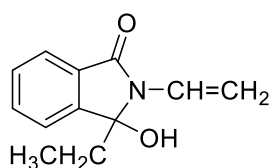


***tert*-Btyl 1-ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxoisoindoline-2-carboxylate (3ai).** The product **3ai** was obtained in 36% (20.0 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 2.61-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 9H), 0.58 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.1, 151.3, 145.2, 134.2, 130.1, 124.5, 122.2, 92.9, 84.1, 32.2, 28.2, 8.5. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$: 300.1212, found 300.1208.

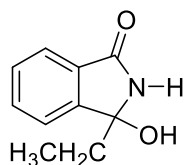


2-Acetyl-3-ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3aj). The product **3aj** was obtained in 58% (25.6 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 4.86 (br, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H), 0.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H).

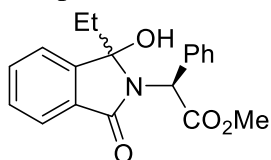
^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 166.9, 145.8, 134.9, 130.2, 129.6, 124.7, 122.3, 93.8, 32.1, 25.9, 8.6. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$: 242.0793, found 242.0797.



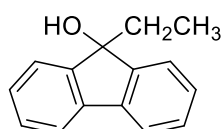
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-vinylisoindolin-1-one (3ak). The product **3ak** was obtained in 21% (8.6 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, $J_1 = 16.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (br, 1H), 2.49-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 0.42 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 146.5, 133.2, 130.3, 129.9, 125.9, 123.7, 121.7, 99.4, 92.7, 28.6, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁴



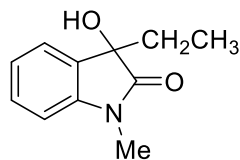
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxyisoindolin-1-one (3al). The product **3al** was obtained in 16% (5.7 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 6.61 (br, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.16-2.04 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 148.2, 132.9, 130.7, 129.7, 123.6, 121.9, 88.7, 31.5, 8.1. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶



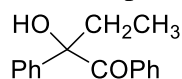
(1-Ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl) phenyl acetic acid methyl ester (3am). The major diastereoisomer of **3am** was obtained in 46% (30.0 mg) yield as a colorless solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 4H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 2.14-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.89 (m, 1H), 0.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 167.7, 146.4, 136.1, 132.7, 131.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.7, 121.9, 92.3, 57.4, 53.2, 29.2, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁵



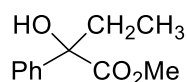
9-Ethyl-9H-fluoren-9-ol (5a). The product **5a** was obtained in 35% (14.7 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.06 (s, 1H), 0.56 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.4, 139.7, 128.9, 127.9, 123.5, 119.9, 83.1, 32.3, 8.4. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁶



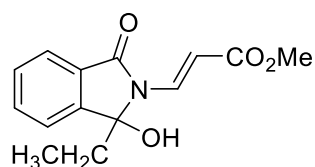
3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (5b). The product **5b** was obtained in 38% (14.6 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.94 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.2, 143.6, 129.7, 129.6, 123.8, 123.1, 108.4, 77.2, 31.6, 26.1, 7.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁷



2-Hydroxy-1,2-diphenylbutan-1-one (5c). The product **5c** was obtained in 70% (33.6 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.72 (br, 1H), 2.41 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.1, 142.2, 134.2, 132.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 126.3, 81.9, 30.5, 7.4. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁸

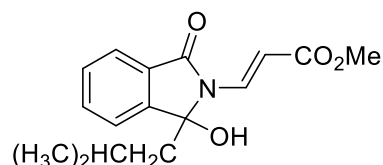


Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-phenylbutanoate (5d). The product **5d** was obtained in 58% (22.6 mg) yield as a colorless liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 2.27-2.20 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.00 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.8, 141.7, 128.2, 127.7, 125.6, 78.8, 53.2, 32.6, 8.0. This compound has been reported in the published literature.¹⁹

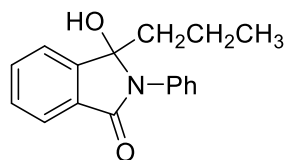


Methyl (E)-3-(1-ethyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxoisindolin-2-yl)acrylate (7a). The product **7a** was obtained in 67% (35.0 mg) yield as a brown solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (br, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.16 (m, 1H), 0.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 166.3, 146.8, 134.4, 134.2, 130.1, 129.1, 124.2, 122.1, 103.0,

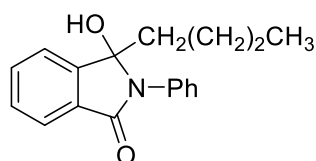
92.9, 51.4, 29.4, 7.5. HRMS (ESI) $[M+Na]^+$: calculated for $C_{14}H_{15}NO_4Na$: 284.0899, found 284.0898.



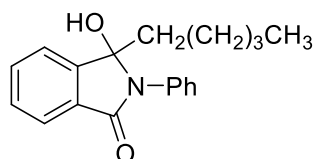
Methyl (E)-3-(1-hydroxy-1-isobutyl-3-oxoisindolin-2-yl)acrylate (7b). The product **7b** was obtained in 77% (44.6 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.74-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (br, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.03 (m, 1H), 0.70 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.47 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.4, 166.3, 147.4, 134.8, 134.0, 130.2, 128.9, 124.4, 122.5, 103.3, 92.0, 51.4, 44.5, 24.0, 23.5, 23.4. HRMS (ESI) $[M+Na]^+$: calculated for $C_{16}H_{19}NO_4Na$: 312.1212, found 312.1210. Single crystal of **7b** was recrystallized from mixed solvents of ethanol and petroleum ether by slow evaporation at room temperature.



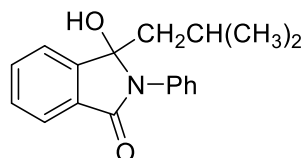
3-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-3-propylisindolin-1-one (8a). The product **8a** was obtained in 80% (42.8 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 2.05-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.04-0.95 (m, 1H), 0.74-0.67 (m, 1H), 0.65 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.0, 146.4, 135.5, 132.8, 130.9, 129.6, 128.8, 126.8, 126.4, 123.7, 121.8, 93.2, 38.0, 16.8, 13.7. This compound has been reported in the published literature.³



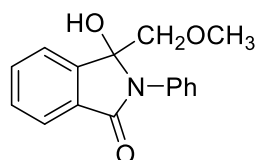
3-Butyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenylisindolin-1-one (8b). The product **8b** was obtained in 80% (45.0 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (br, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.10-1.03 (m, 2H), 0.98-0.85 (m, 2H), 0.65 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.9, 146.3, 135.5, 132.8, 130.9, 129.7, 128.8, 126.8, 126.4, 123.8, 121.7, 93.2, 35.5, 25.4, 22.2, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) $[M+H]^+$: calculated for $C_{18}H_{20}NO_2$: 282.1489, found 282.1484.



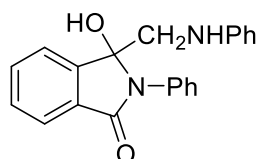
3-Hydroxy-3-pentyl-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (8c). The product **8c** was obtained in 75% (44.3 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.05 (br, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.05-0.84 (m, 6H), 0.67 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 146.5, 135.4, 132.7, 130.8, 129.5, 128.7, 126.7, 126.3, 123.6, 121.7, 93.3, 35.6, 31.2, 22.8, 22.0, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$: 296.1645, found 296.1648.



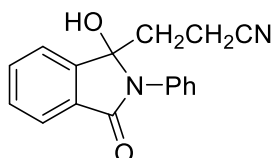
3-Hydroxy-3-isobutyl-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (8d). The product **8d** was obtained in 74% (41.6 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 1H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 1H), 0.55 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.39 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 146.7, 135.7, 132.5, 130.6, 129.6, 128.7, 126.5, 125.9, 123.7, 122.5, 93.3, 44.2, 24.0, 23.7, 23.2. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 282.1489, found 282.1484.



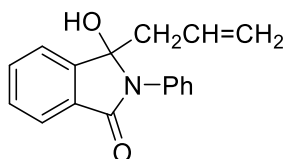
3-Hydroxy-3-(methoxymethyl)-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (8e). The product **8e** was obtained in 71% (38.2 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 145.5, 135.1, 132.6, 131.2, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.5, 123.6, 122.3, 90.4, 73.7, 59.2. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$: 270.1125, found 270.1129.



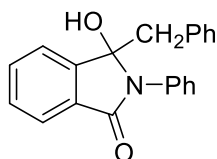
3-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-3-((phenylamino)methyl)isoindolin-1-one (8f). The product **8f** was obtained in 80% (52.9 mg) yield as a brown liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 147.2, 145.2, 135.0, 132.9, 130.9, 130.1, 129.1(2), 129.0(8), 127.5, 127.2, 123.7, 122.5, 118.2, 113.4, 91.4, 49.2. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 331.1441, found 331.1450.



3-(1-Hydroxy-3-oxo-2-phenylisoindolin-1-yl)propanenitrile (8g). The product **8g** was obtained in 35% (19.5 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.62 (br, 1H), 2.41-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.74 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 144.6, 134.6, 133.4, 130.5, 130.4, 129.2, 127.3, 125.9, 124.0, 122.0, 118.1, 91.4, 31.9, 12.0. This compound has been reported in the published literature.²⁰

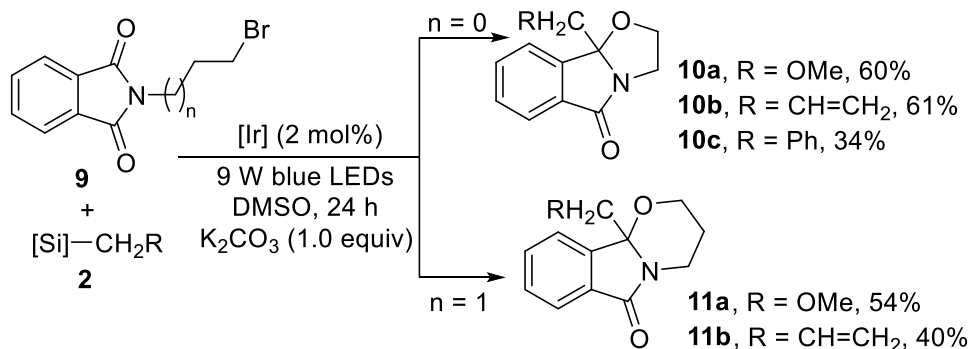


3-Allyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (8h). The product **8h** was obtained in 93% (49.3 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.24-5.15 (m, 1H), 4.84 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.71 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 146.2, 135.3, 132.5, 130.6, 130.5, 129.5, 128.6, 126.8, 126.6, 123.4, 122.1, 119.8, 92.2, 40.6. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$: 266.1176, found 266.1183.

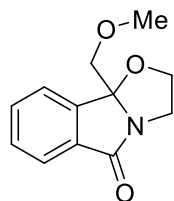


3-Benzyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (8i). The product **8i** was obtained in 40% (25.2 mg) yield as a white solid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 145.9, 135.8, 134.2, 132.2, 130.5, 130.4, 129.6, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 126.5, 126.0, 123.5, 122.9, 92.9, 42.8. This compound has been reported in the published literature.²¹

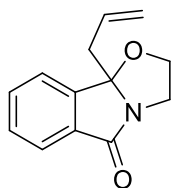
3 General procedure of radical-radical cross-coupling reaction/anionic cyclisation cascade process.



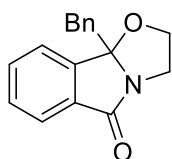
To an oven dried transparent 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol %), K₂CO₃ (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and *N*-(ω-bromoalkyl)phthalimide **9** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. Then, potassium [18-Crown-6] bis(catecholato)-alkylsilicate (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added into the tube. The tube was sealed with a rubber septum. The tube was then charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL, 0.033 M) via a syringe under N₂. The tube was irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowl for 24 h (cooling with a fan). After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution, and was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and solvent was evaporated to obtain crude product. Flash chromatography over silica gel afforded the product.



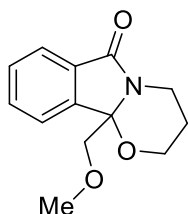
9B-(methoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydrooxazolo[2,3-a]isoindol-5(9bH)-one (10a). The product **10a** was obtained in 60% (26.3 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 144.9, 133.1, 132.2, 130.4, 124.3, 123.1, 98.6, 74.8, 70.3, 59.9, 43.2. HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺: calculated for C₁₂H₁₄NO₃: 220.0974, found 220.0971.



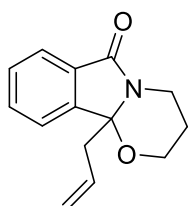
9B-allyl-2,3-dihydrooxazolo[2,3-*a*]isoindol-5(9*bH*)-one (10b). The product **10b** was obtained in 61% (26.3 mg) yield as a yellow liquid after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 5.70-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.09 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.23 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.14 (m, 1H), 4.05 (q, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 146.3, 133.0, 132.0, 131.4, 130.0, 124.1, 122.7, 119.7, 99.8, 69.6, 42.6, 40.5. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: 216.1025, found 216.1019.



9B-benzyl-2,3-dihydrooxazolo[2,3-*a*]isoindol-5(9*bH*)-one (10c). The product **10c** was obtained in 34% (18.2 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.03-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.94-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.39 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.84-2.78 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.9, 147.1, 135.2, 133.0, 131.8, 130.6, 130.0, 128.1, 127.0, 124.2, 122.6, 100.5, 69.8, 43.2, 43.1. This compound has been reported in the published literature.²²

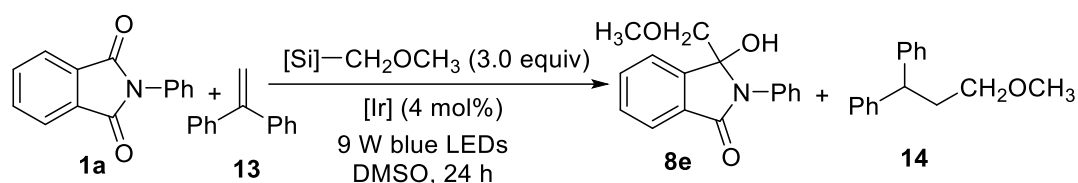


10B-(methoxymethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,3]oxazino[2,3-*a*]isoindol-6(10*bH*)-one (11a). The product **11a** was obtained in 54% (25.1 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.44 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.20 (m, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.27 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 145.5, 132.1, 131.5, 129.8, 123.7, 122.7, 87.9, 70.5, 62.3, 59.7, 35.9, 24.7. HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 317.1290, found 317.1284.

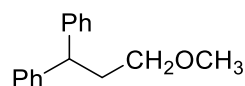


10B-allyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,3]oxazino[2,3-a]isoindol-6(10bH)-one (11b). The product **11b** was obtained in 40% (18.1 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 3H), 5.41-5.33 (m, 1H), 5.05-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.46-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.17 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.04-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 145.7, 132.0, 131.8, 130.4, 129.6, 123.7, 121.9, 119.6, 89.4, 61.6, 35.3, 35.0, 24.9. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺: calculated for C₂₀H₁₇NO₃Na: 342.1106, found 342.1101.

4 Experiment dealing with interception of radical and proposed mechanism



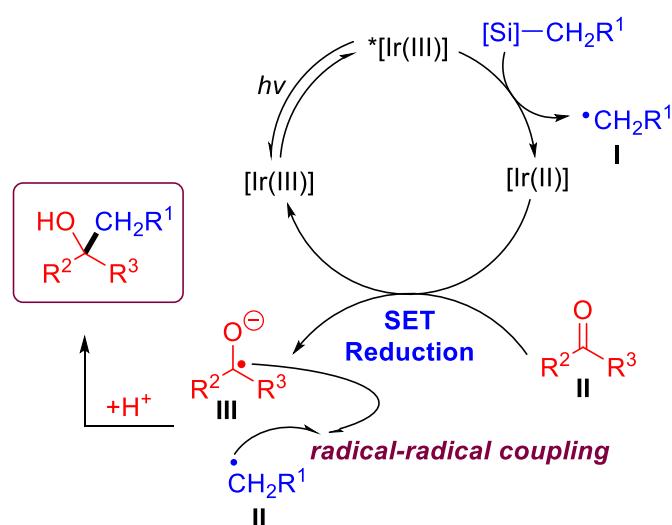
To an oven dried transparent 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (4.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 4 mol %), *N*-phenylphthalimide (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 1,1-diphenylethylene **13** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. Then, potassium [18-Crown-6] bis(catecholato)-methoxymethylsilicate (177.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added in the tube. The tube was sealed with a rubber septum. The tube was then charged with degassed DMSO (6.0 mL, 0.033 M) via a syringe under N₂. The tube was irradiated with a 9 W blue LEDs strip spiraled within a bowel for 24 h (cooling with a fan). After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution, and was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and solvent was evaporated to obtain crude product. Flash chromatography over silica gel afforded the product **8e** and **14**.



(3-Methoxypropane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (16). The product **16** was obtained in 50% (22.6 mg) yield as a yellow oil after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.31 (m, 5H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.1,

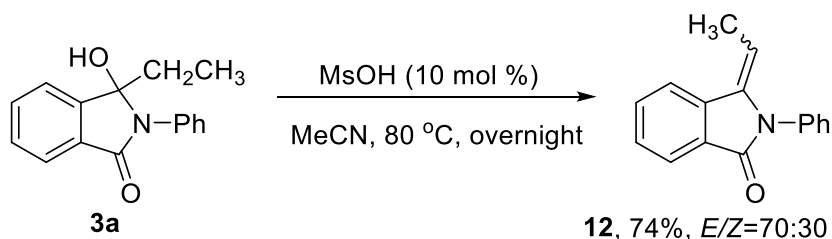
70.6, 58.5, 47.2, 35.3. This compound has been reported in the published literature.²³

Based on the above results and related literature reports, we proposed the mechanism depicted in Scheme SI-1. The initial SET between the photoexcited photocatalyst and bis-catecholato alkylsilicate generates primary alkyl radical **I**. After an SET reduction of carbonyl group of **II** ($E_{1/2, \text{red}} = -1.37 \text{ V vs SCE}$) by the reduced photocatalyst ($E_{1/2}(\text{Ir}^{\text{II}}/\text{Ir}^{\text{III}}) = -1.31 \text{ V vs SCE}$ for **1a**), a ketyl radical **III** was formed and the photocatalyst was regenerated in its ground state, thus closing the redox-neutral photocatalytic cycle. Lastly, radical-radical coupling of ketyl radical **III** with primary alkyl radical **I** produces the expected alcohol product with protonation.



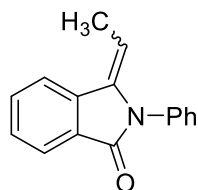
Scheme SI-1 Proposed mechanism.

5 Methanesulfonic acid-catalysed dehydration reaction



To an oven dried transparent 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar, 3-ethyl-2,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-2-phenyl-1*H*-indolizone **3a** (51.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeCN (1.0 mL, 0.2 M) and methanesulfonic acid (1.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) were added in the tube. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for overnight. After the reaction was complete, the reaction solution was diluted with saturated Na_2CO_3 aqueous solution, and was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 5 mL). The

organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and solvent was evaporated to obtain crude product. Flash chromatography over silica gel afforded the product.



3-Ethylidene-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one (12). The product **12** was obtained in 74% (34.8 mg) yield as a yellow solid after column chromatography. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.89(m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), [5.77-5.73 (m, 0.28H), 5.41-5.37 (m, 0.72H)], [2.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2.16H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 7.7Hz, 0.84H)]. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 166.0, 138.0, 137.7, 137.1, 135.5, 134.9, 132.0, 131.9(8), 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 123.8, 123.5, 123.3, 118.8, 107.7, 104.0, 12.9, 12.5. This compound has been reported in the published literature.⁶

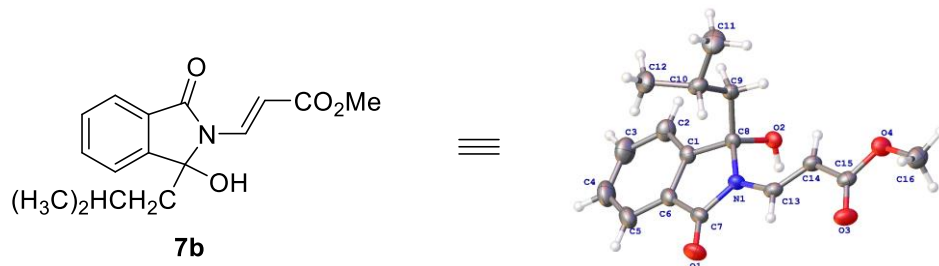
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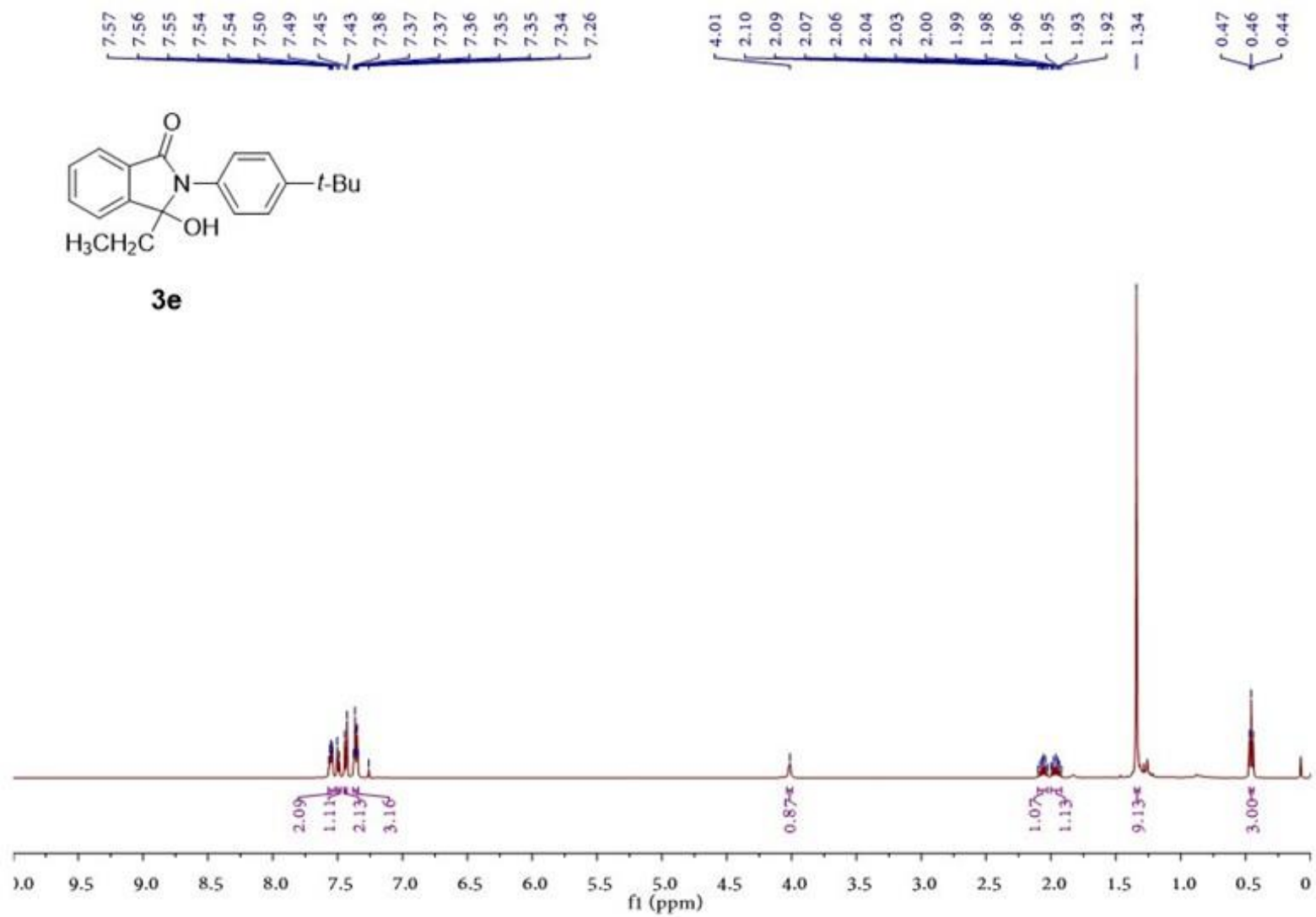
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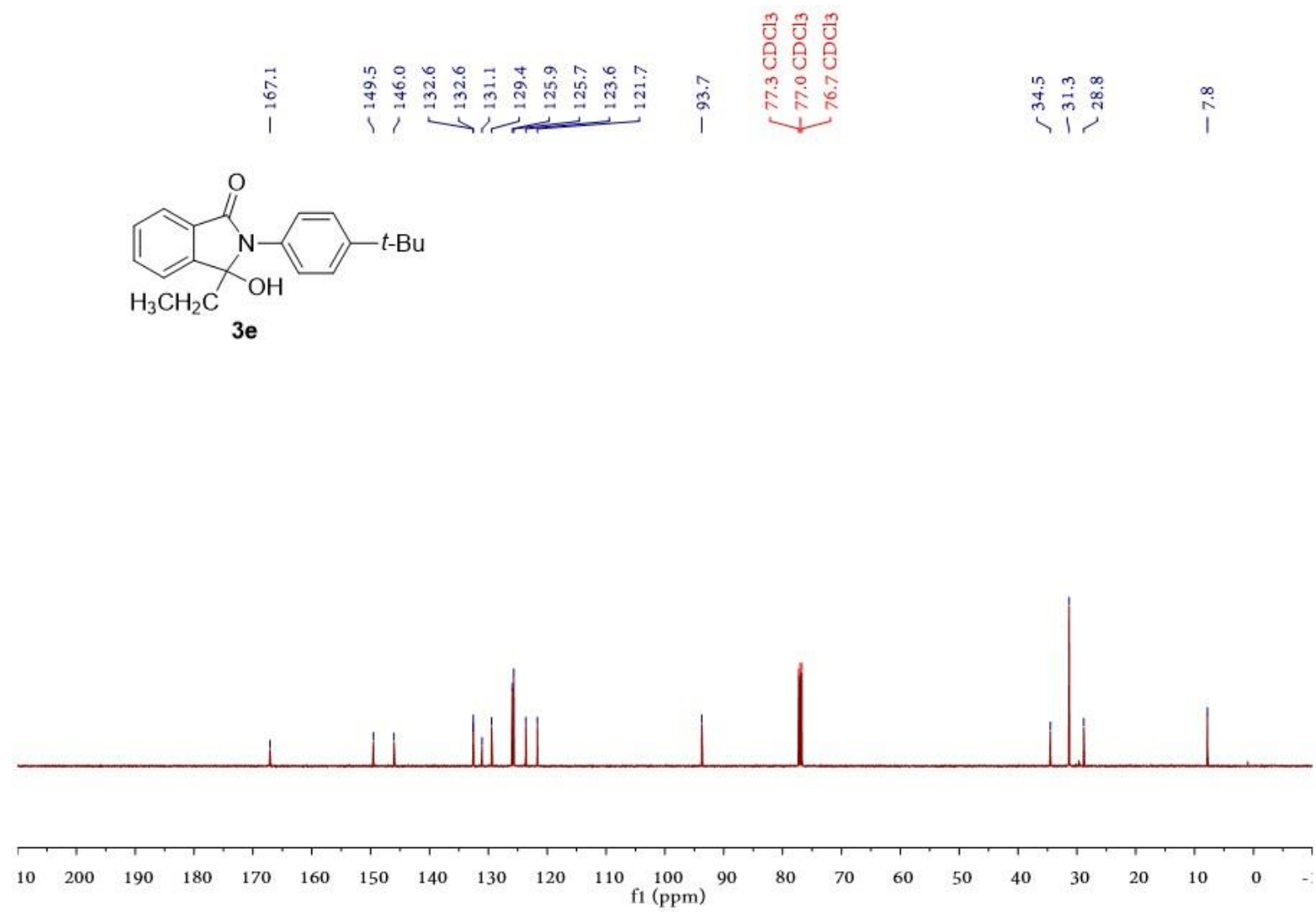
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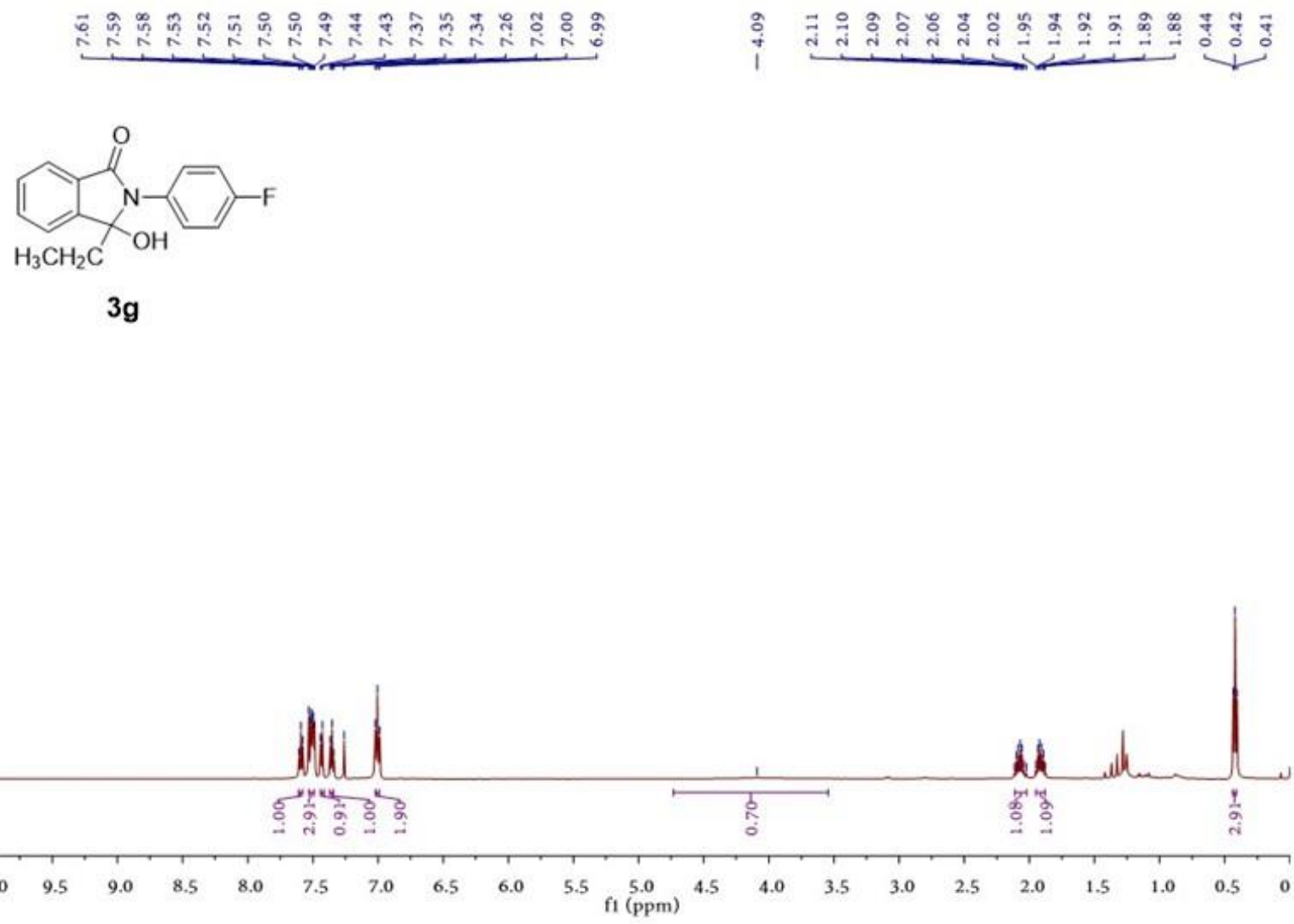
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α/°	90
β/°	100.3540(10)
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F(000)	616.0
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Reflections collected	32656
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Data/restraints/parameters	2678/0/194
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.051
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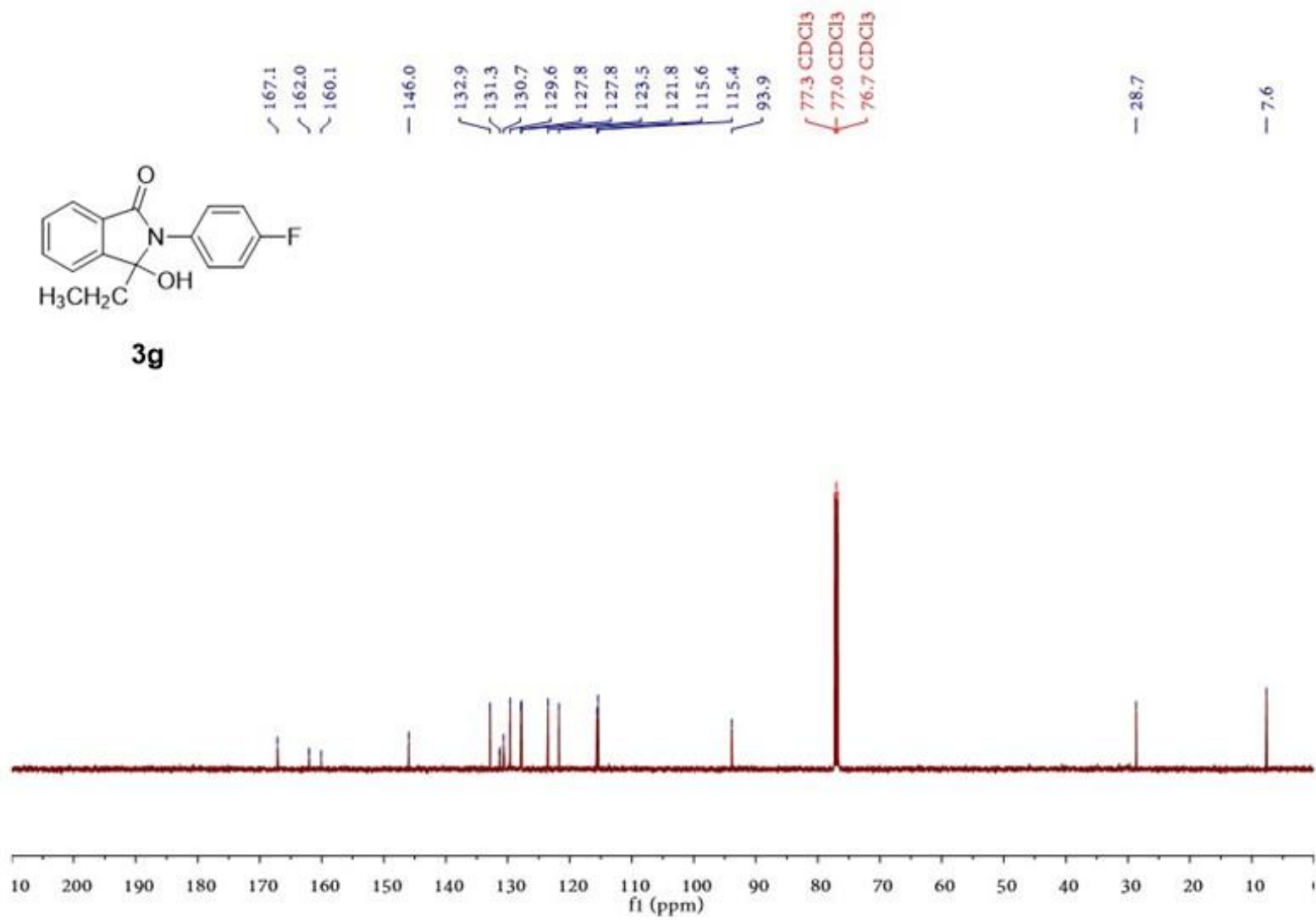


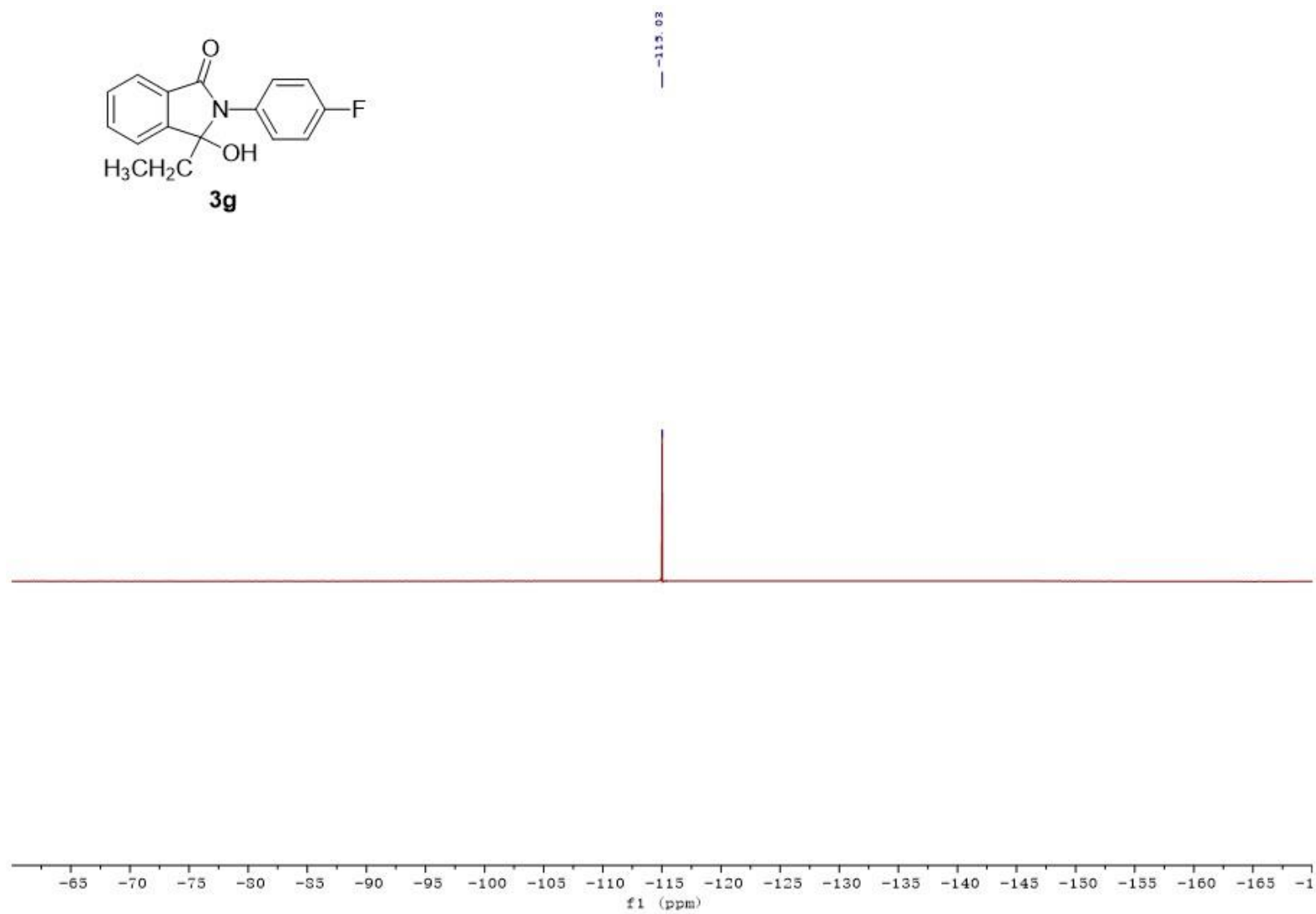
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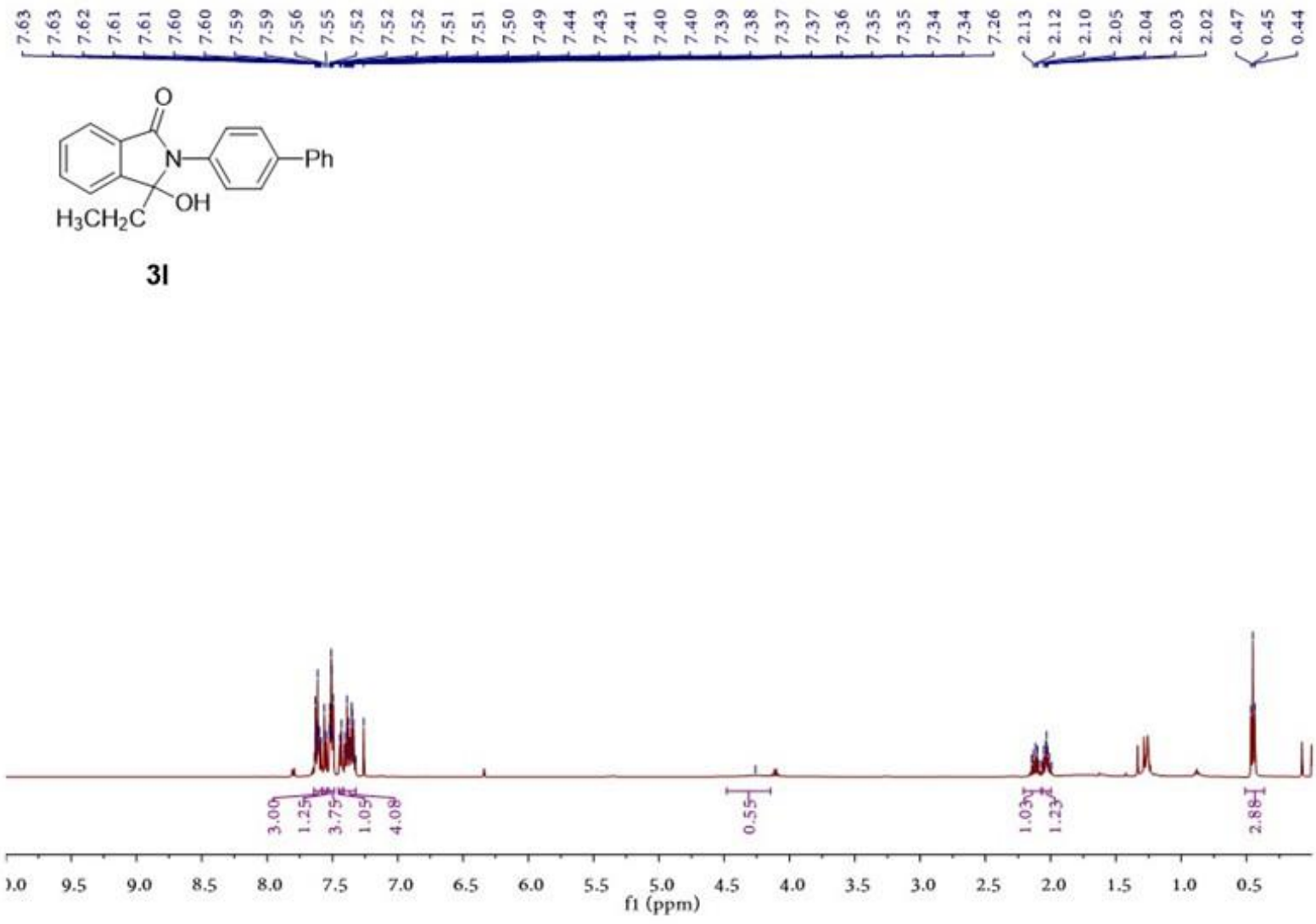


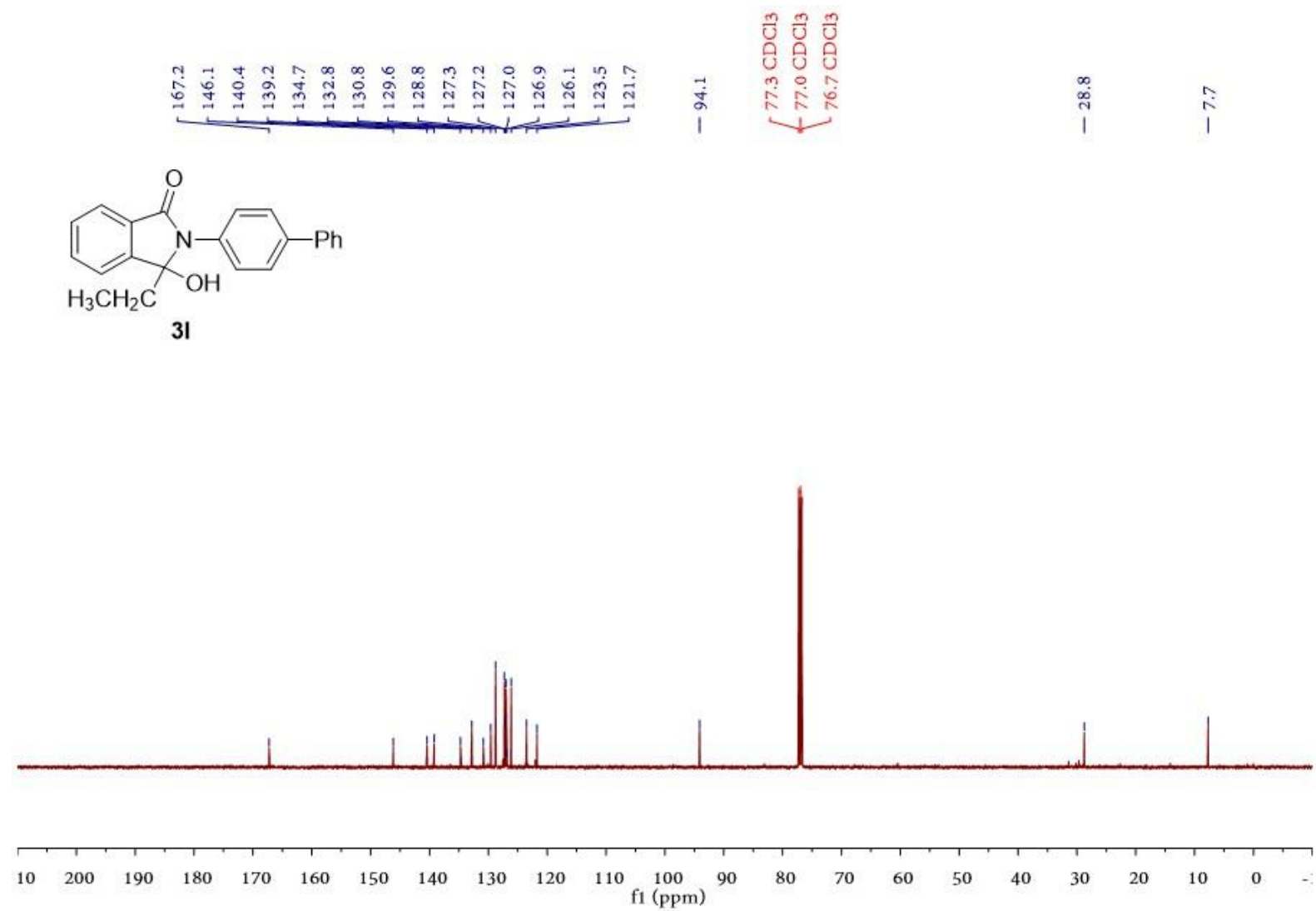


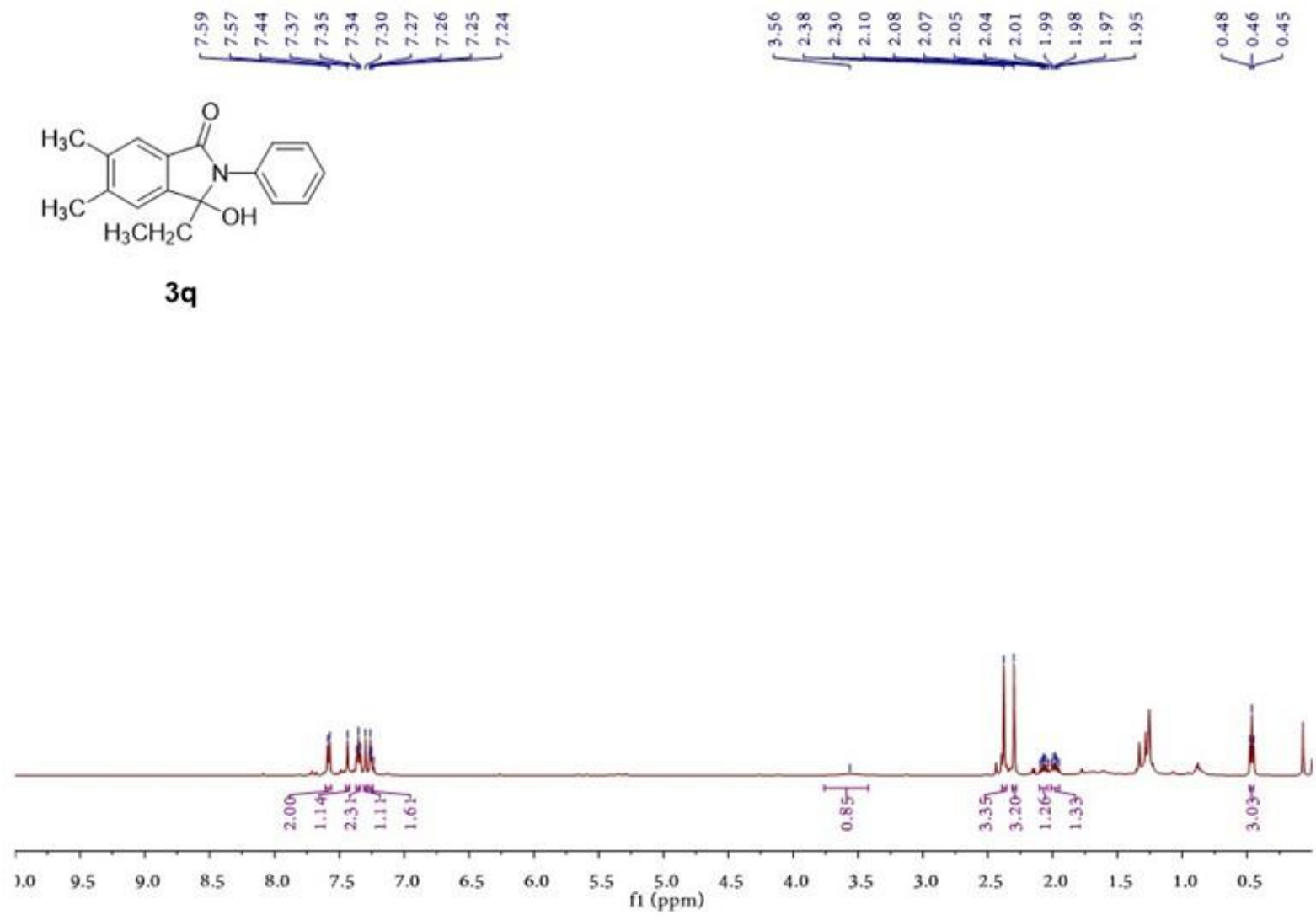


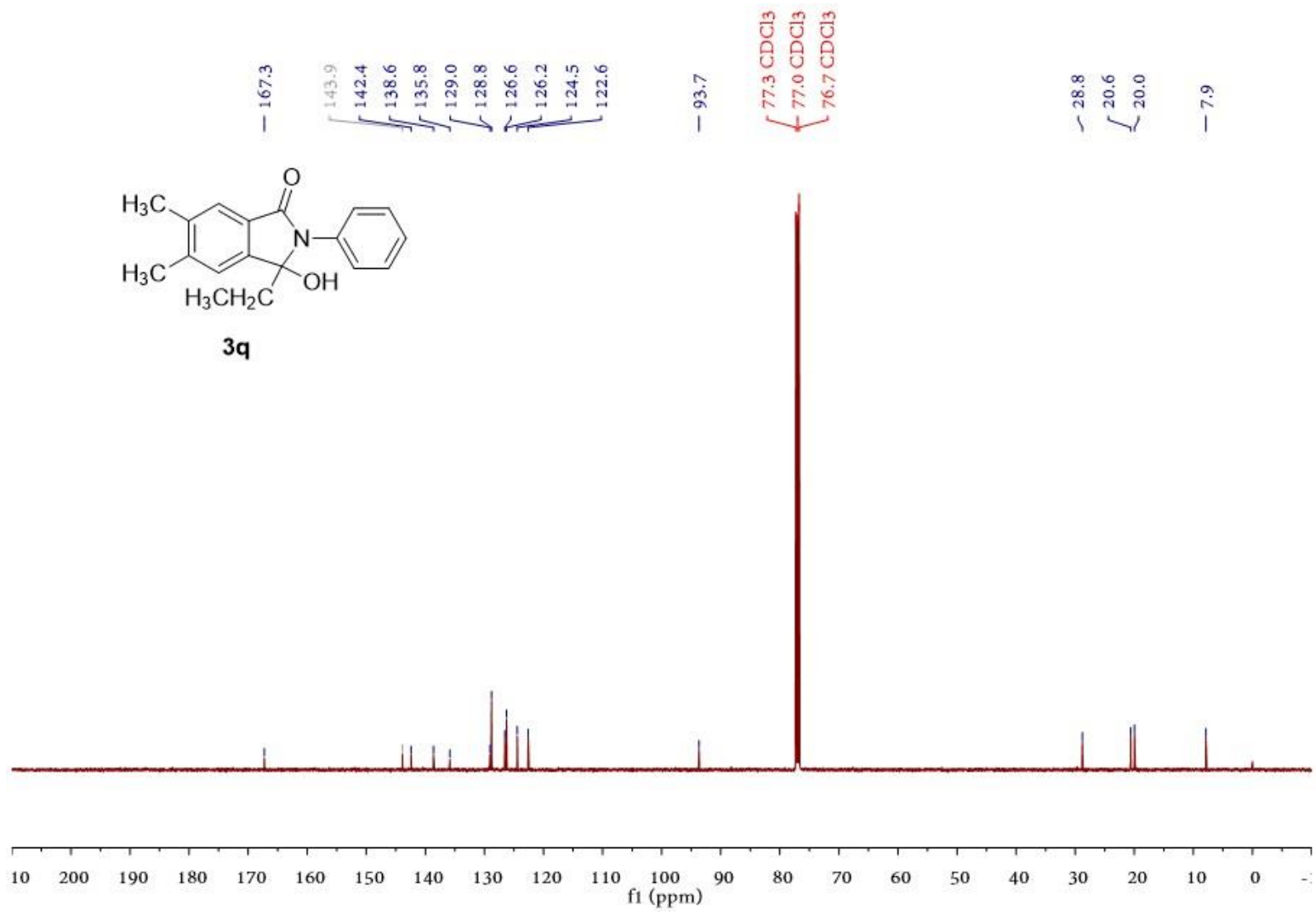


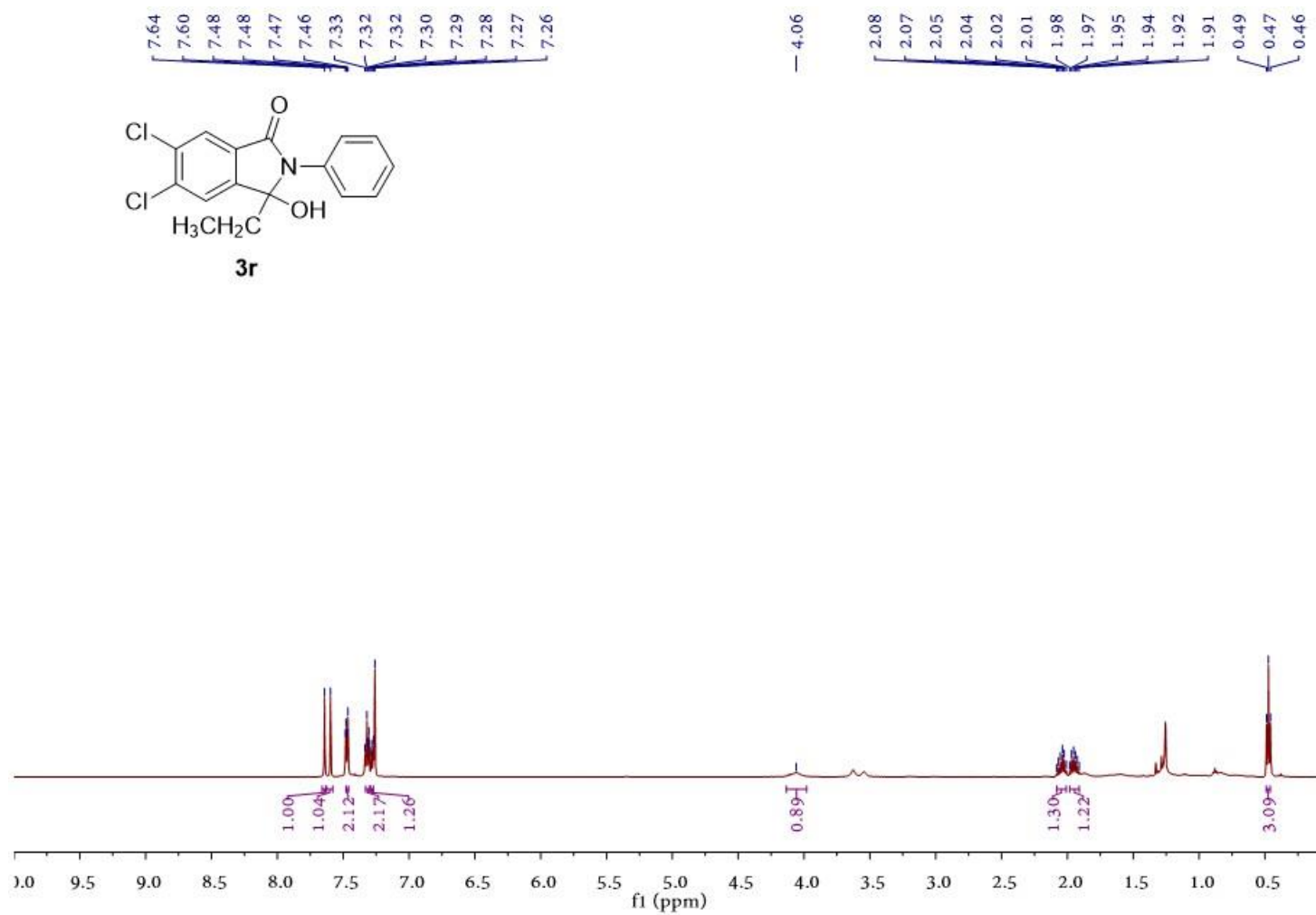


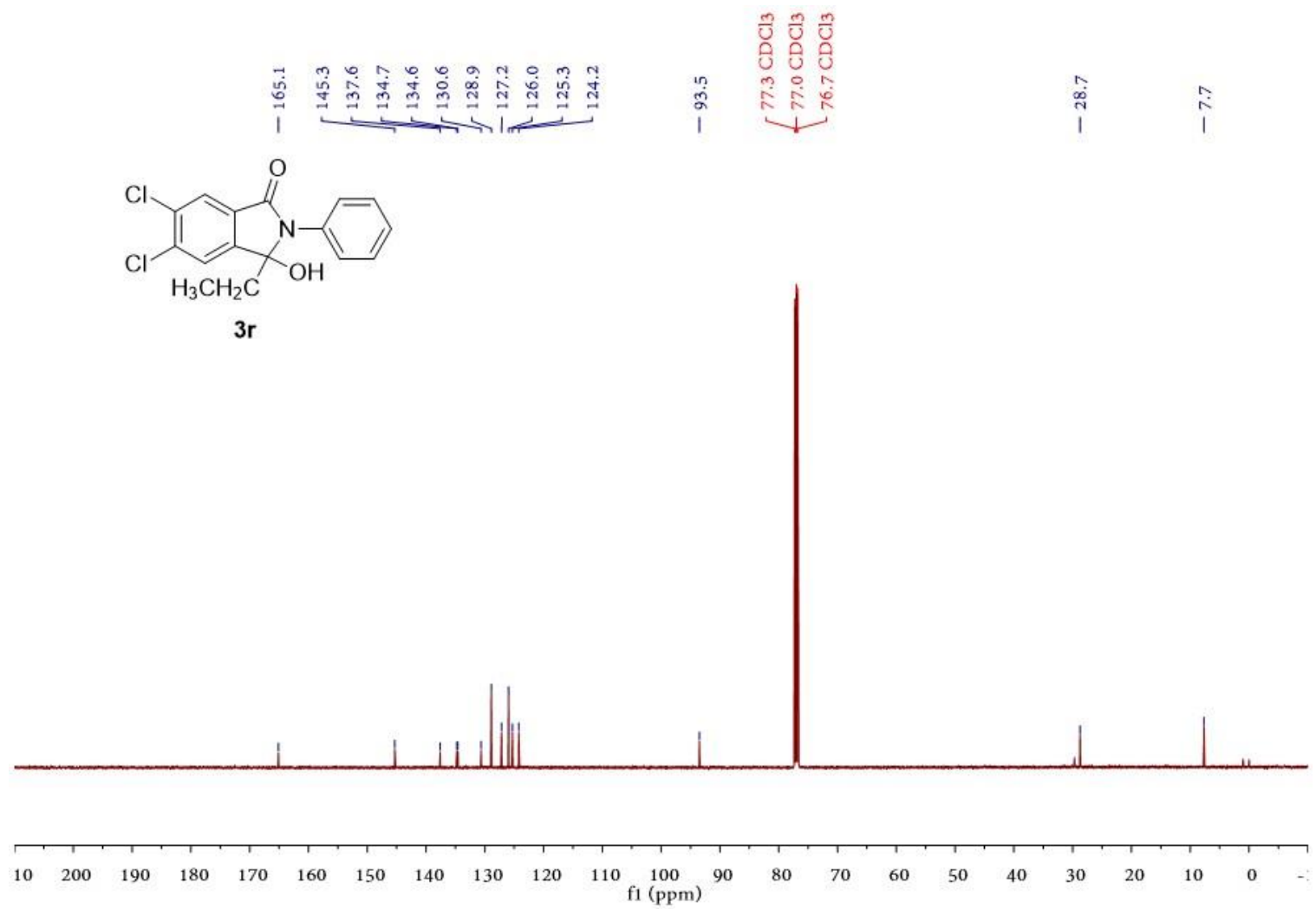


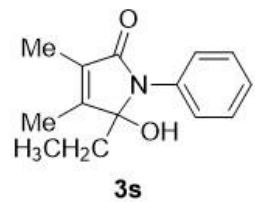






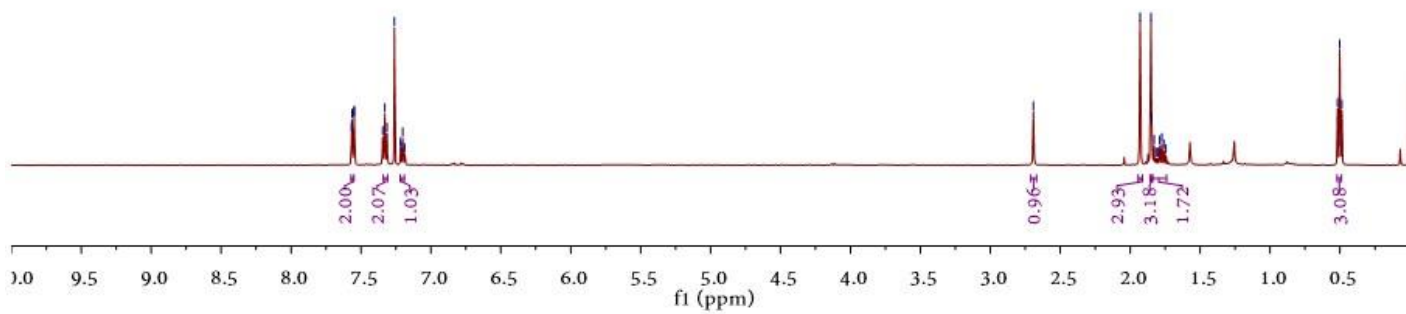


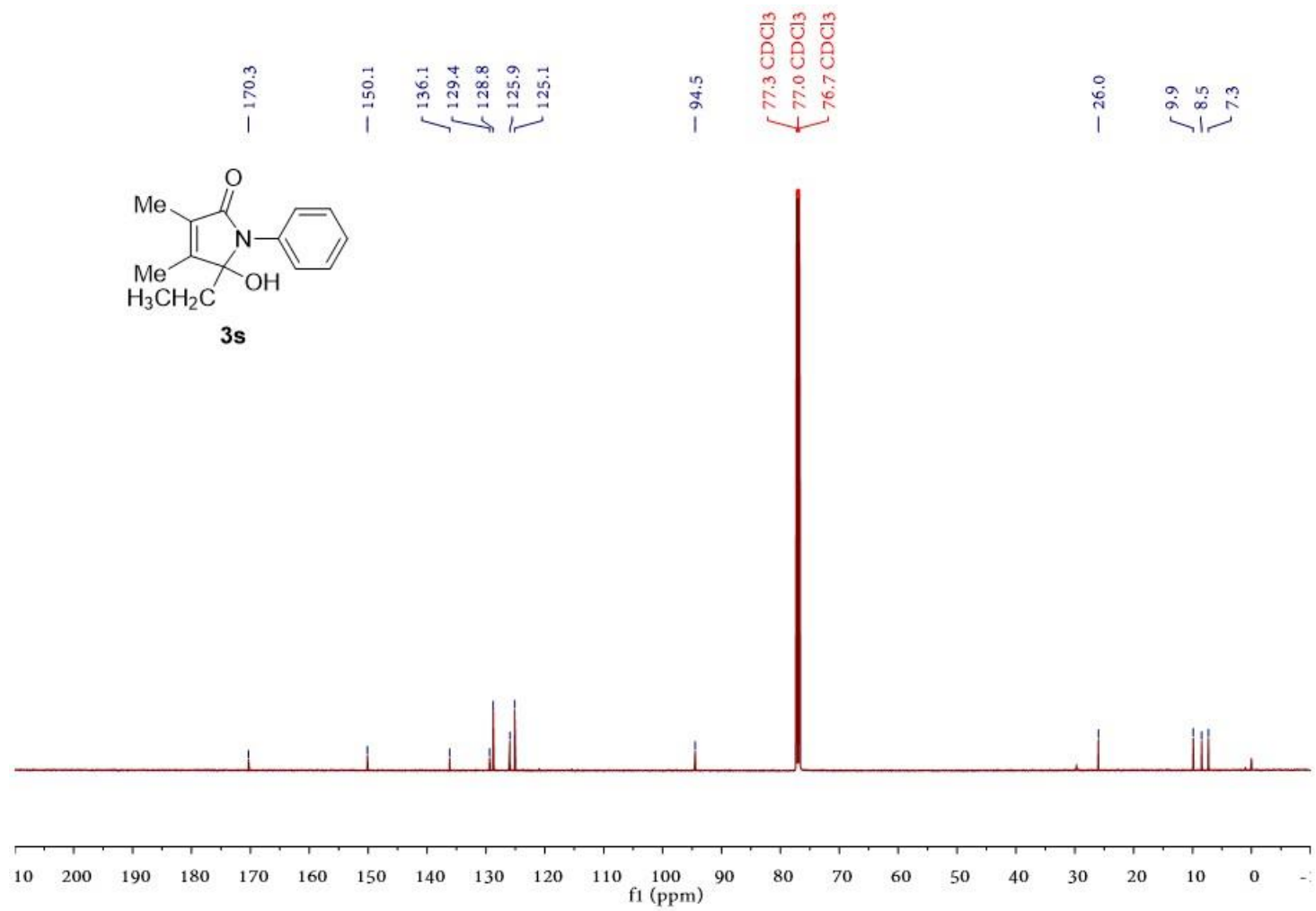


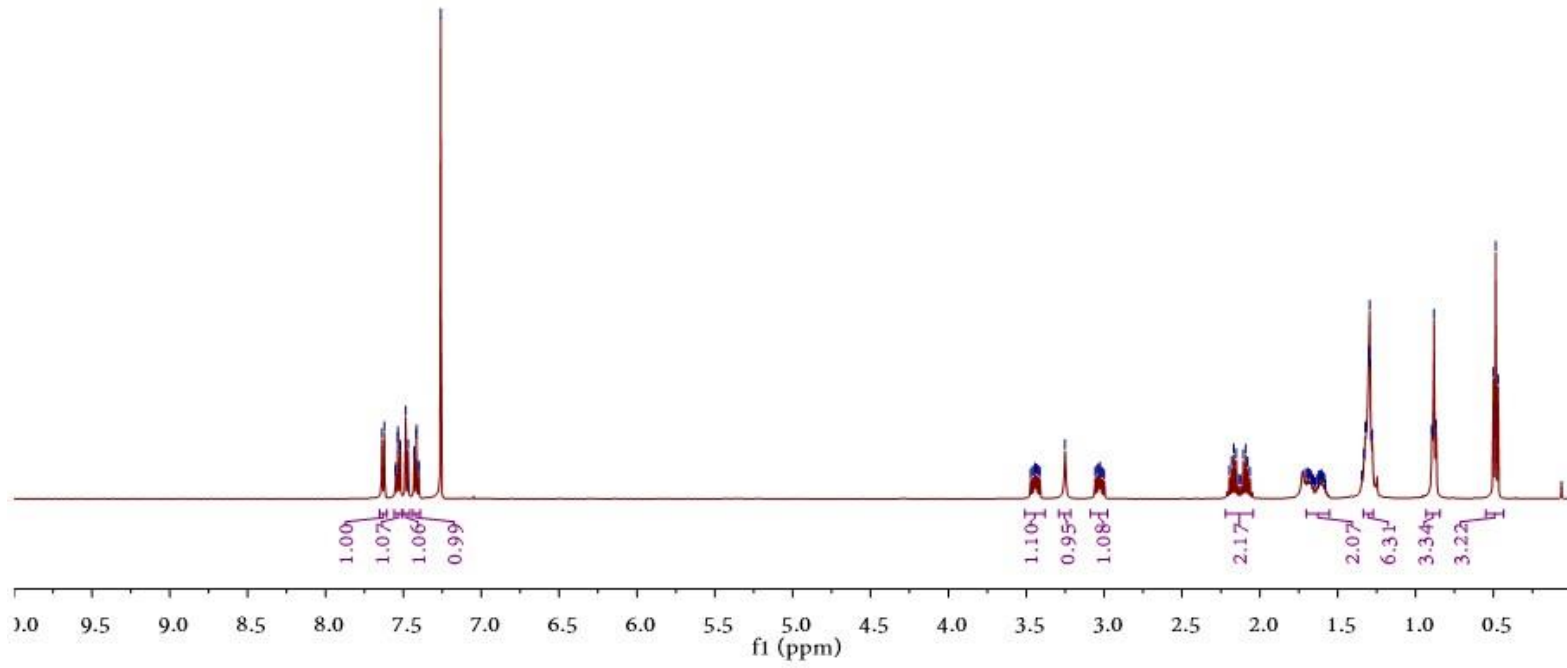
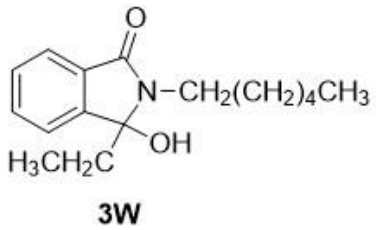
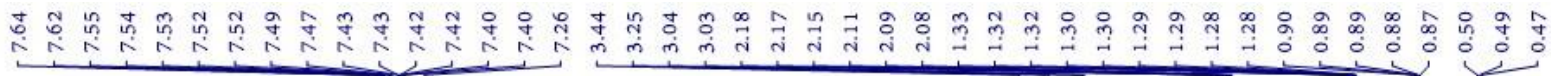


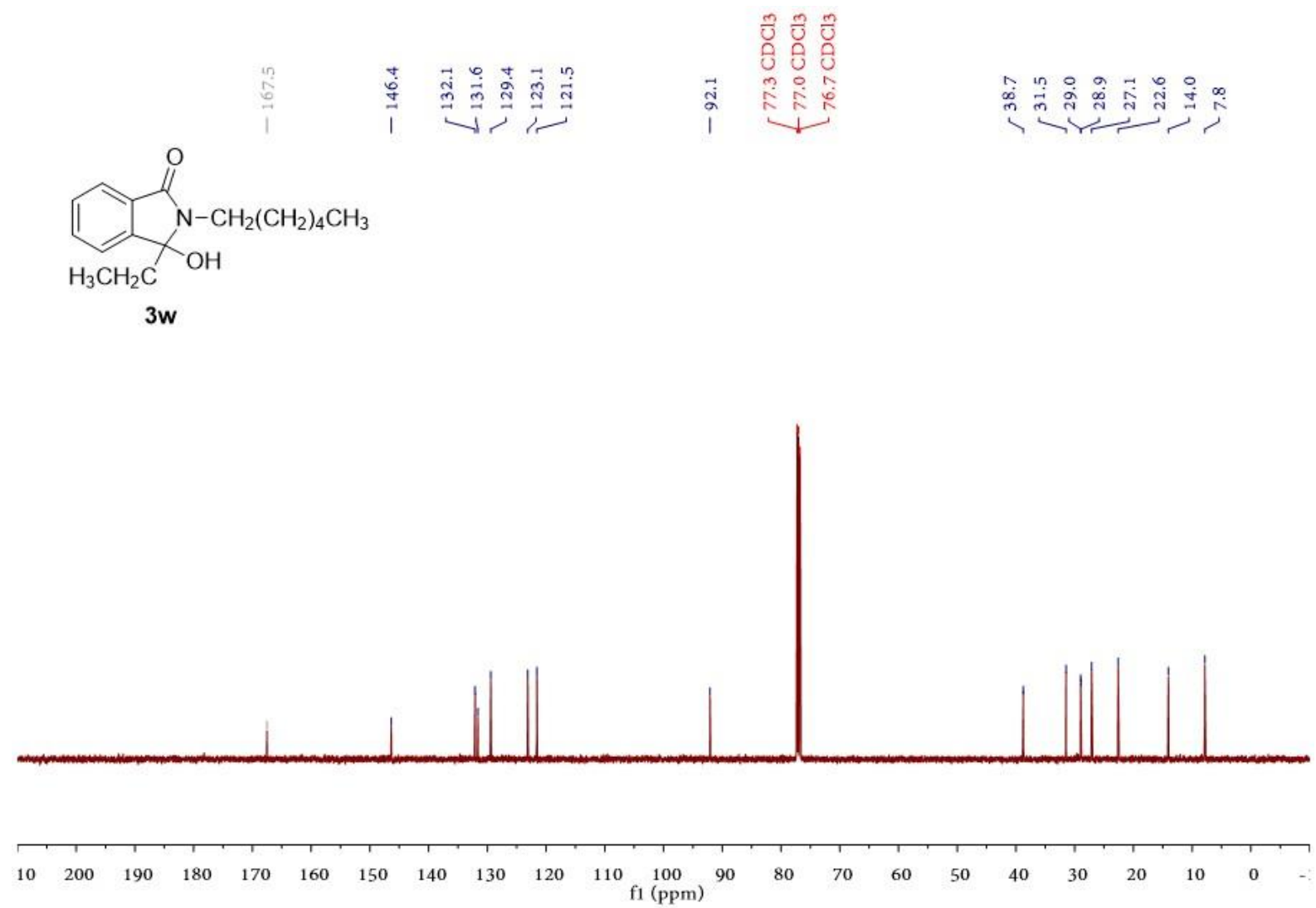
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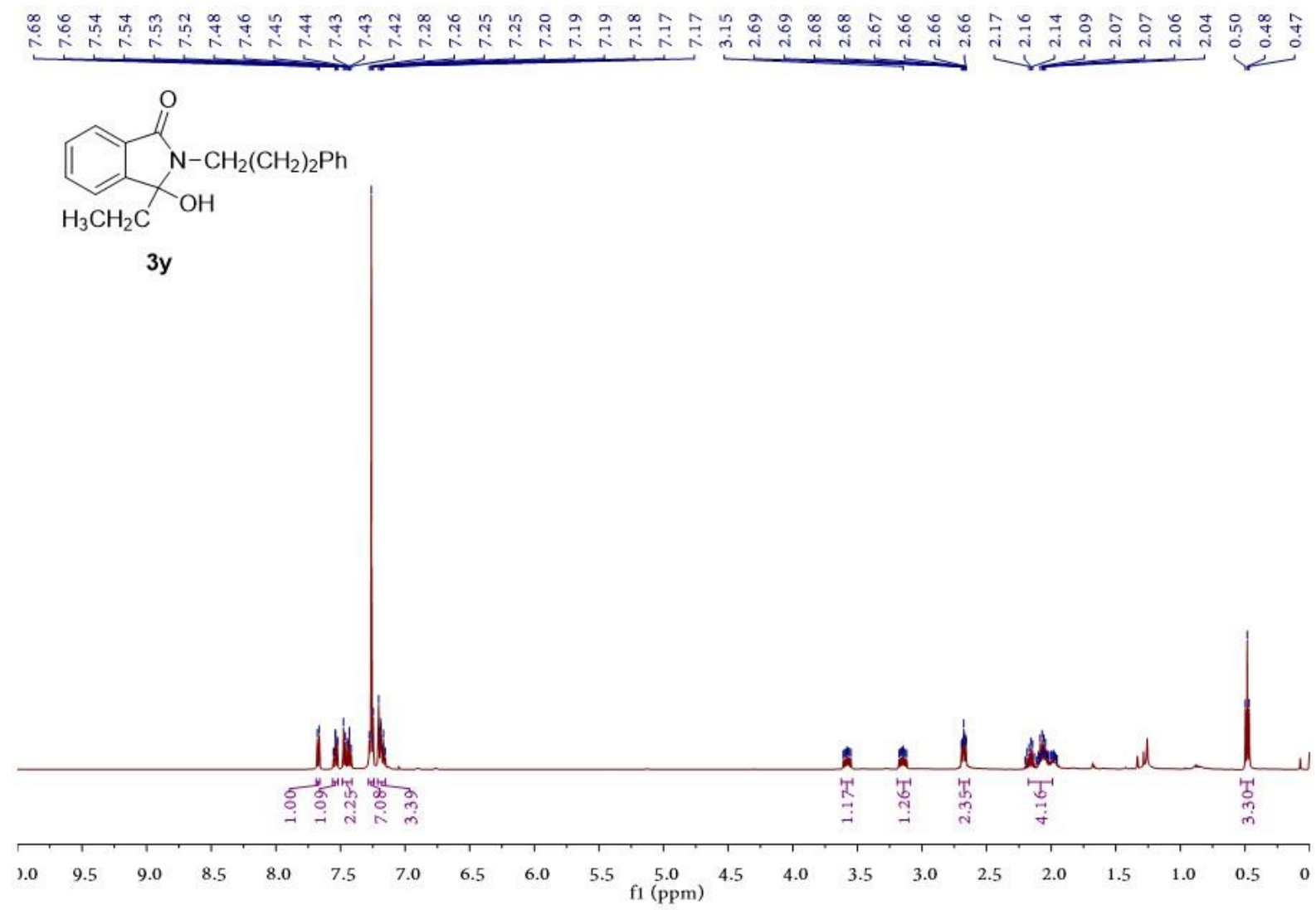
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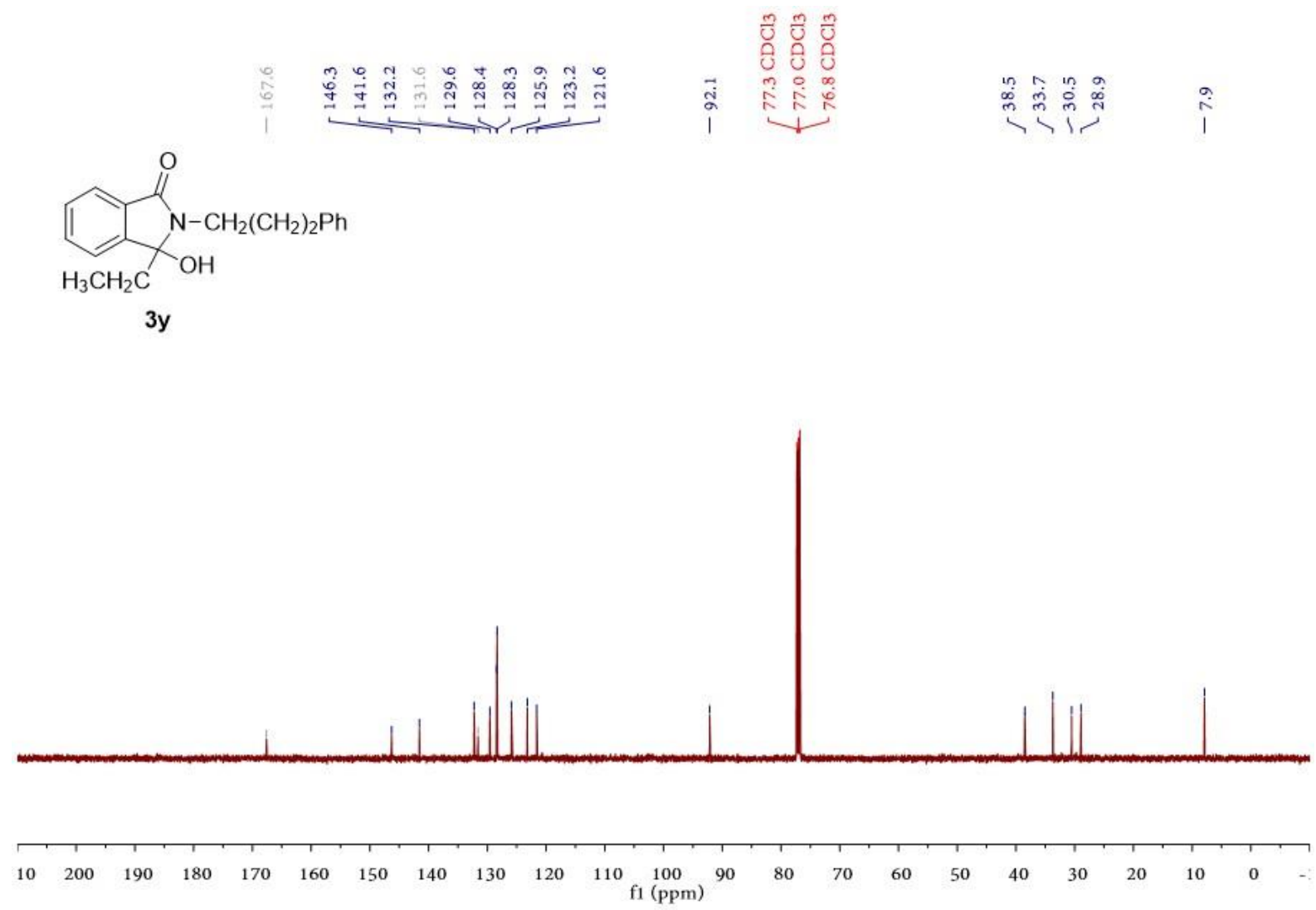


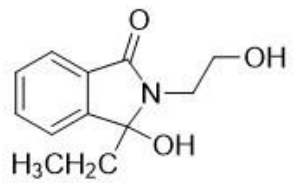




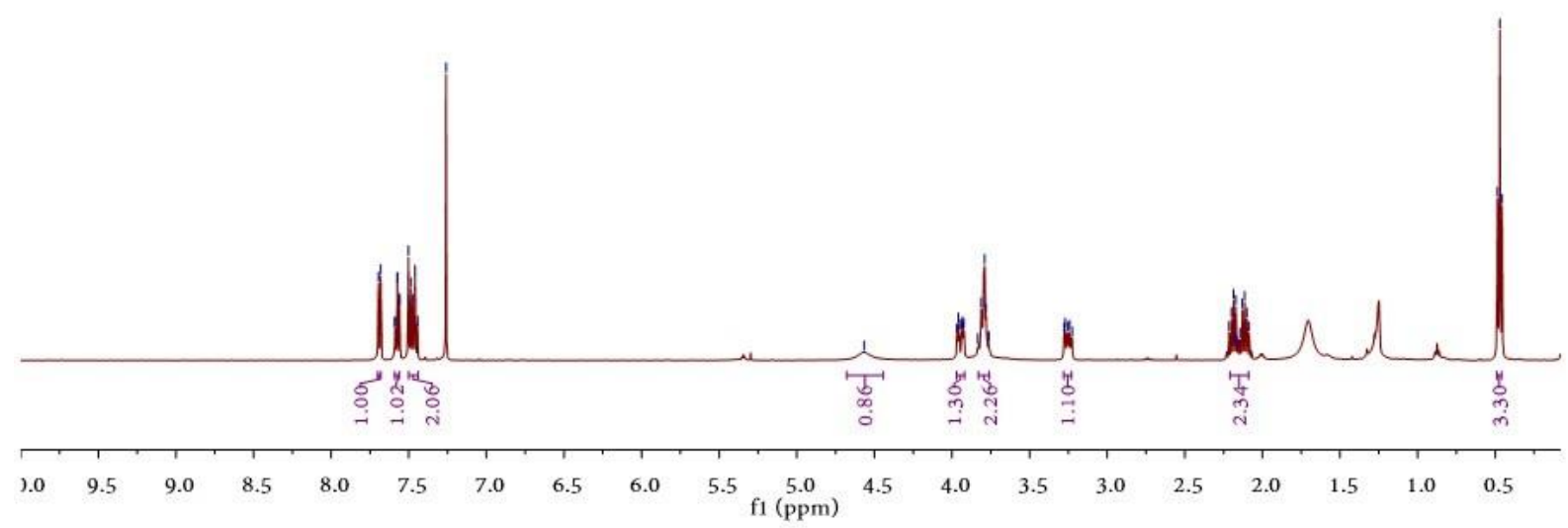


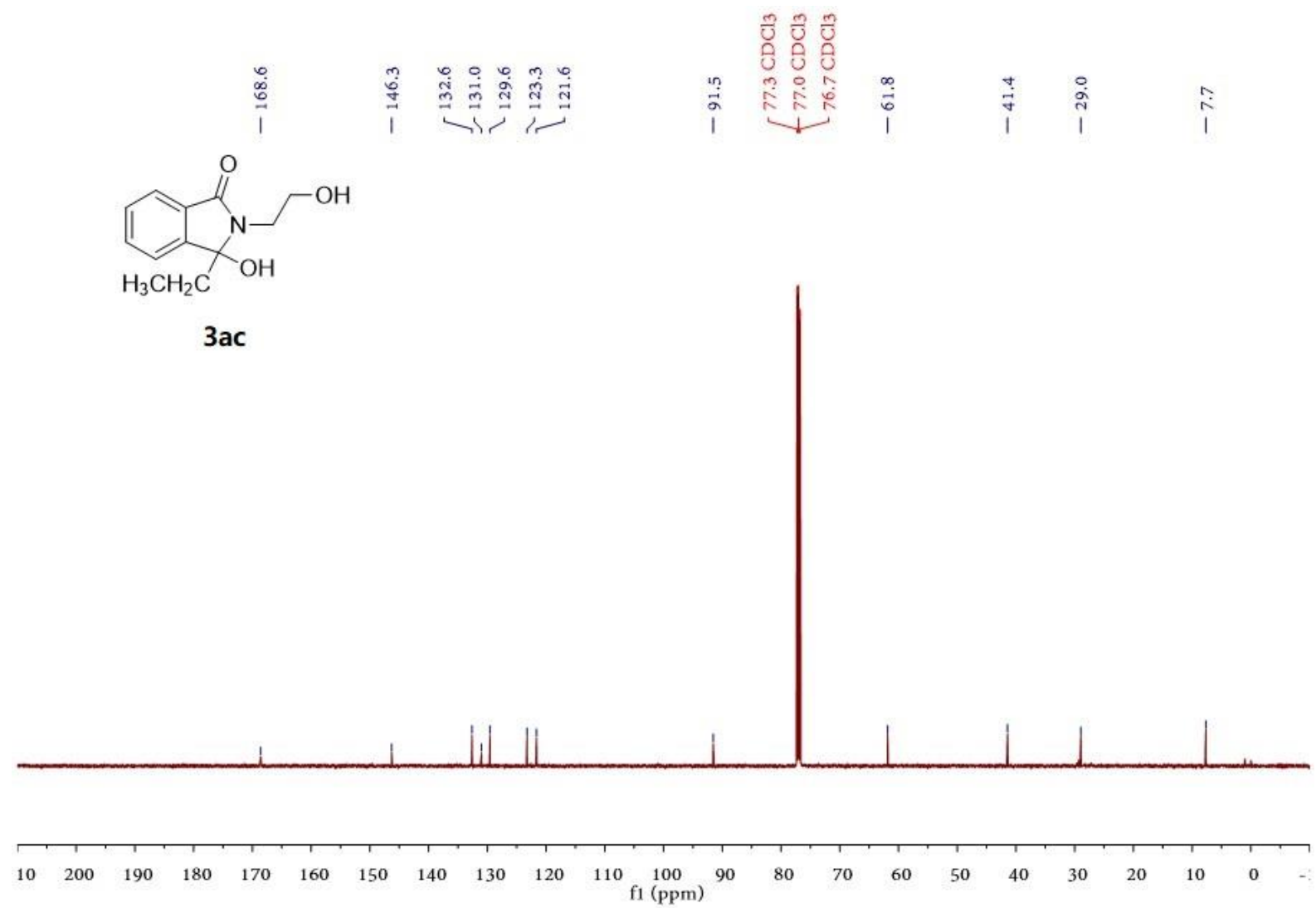


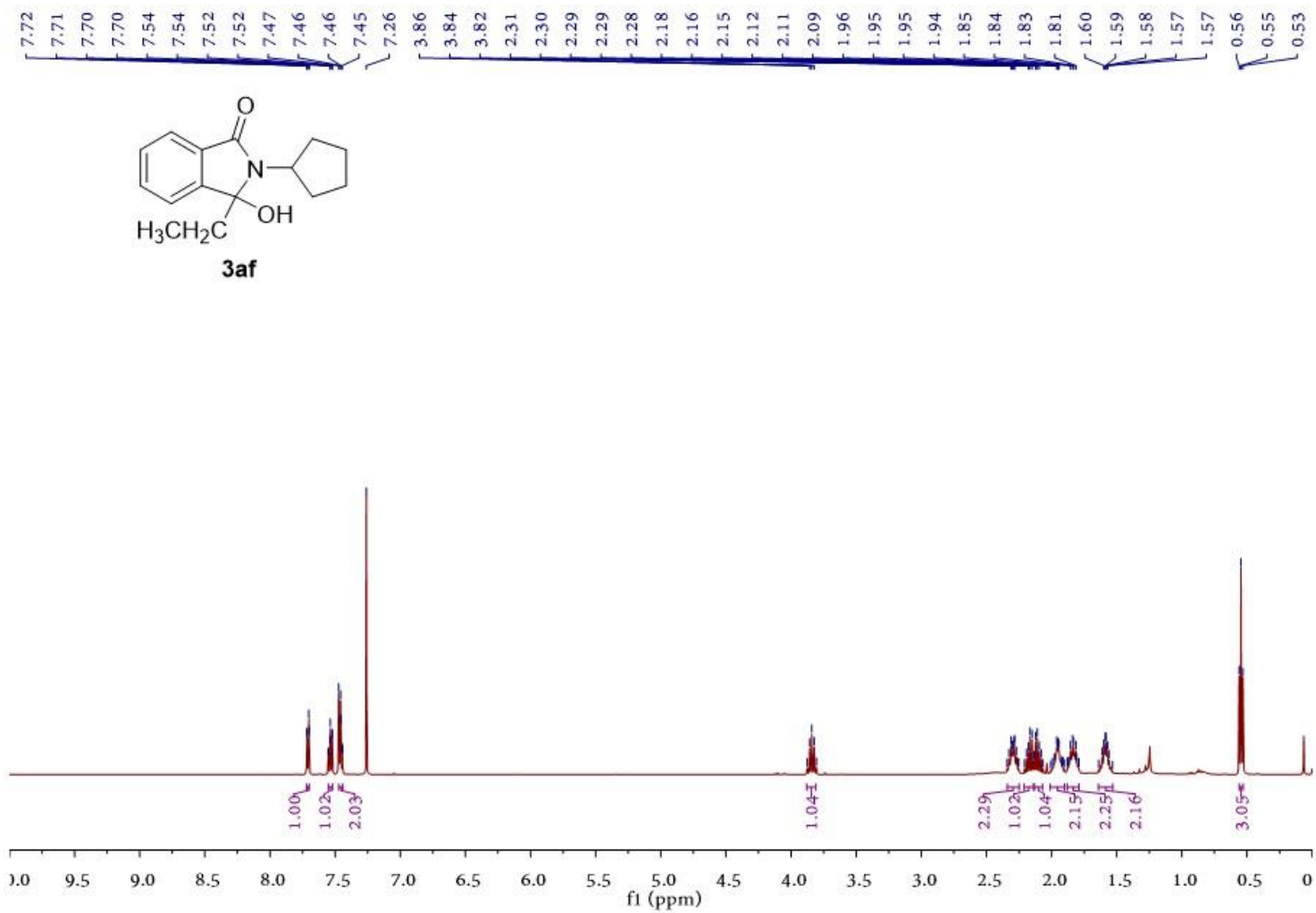


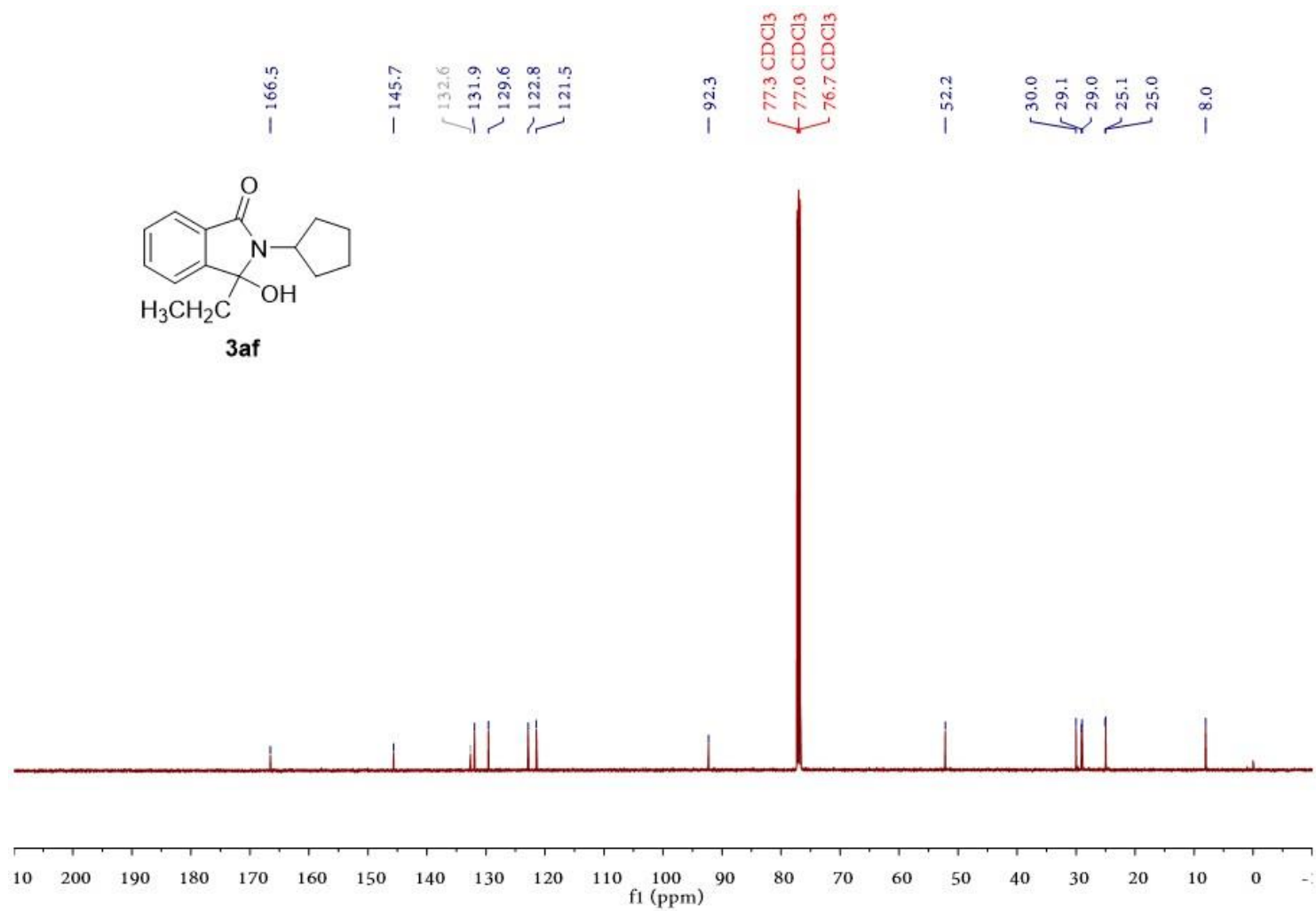


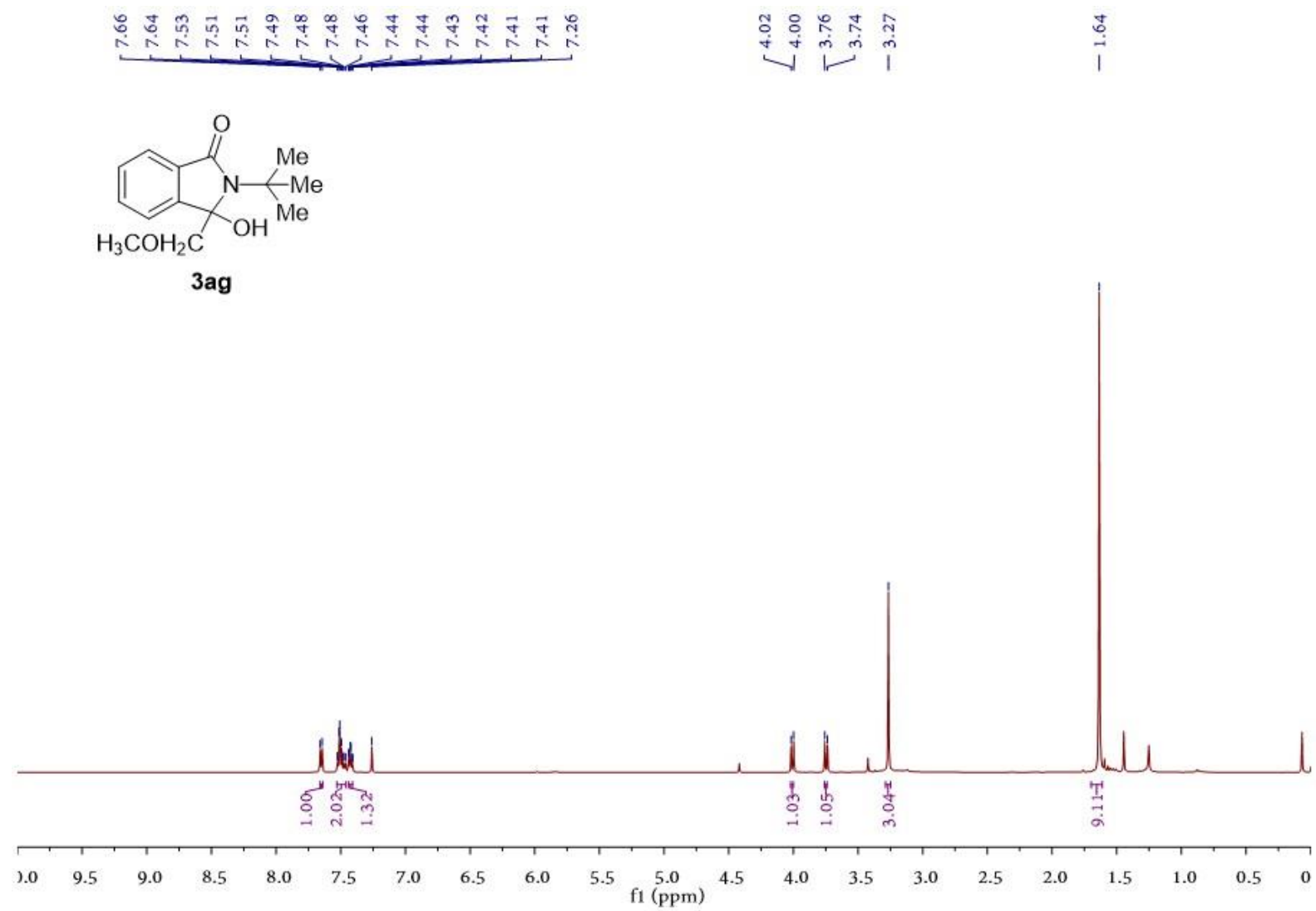
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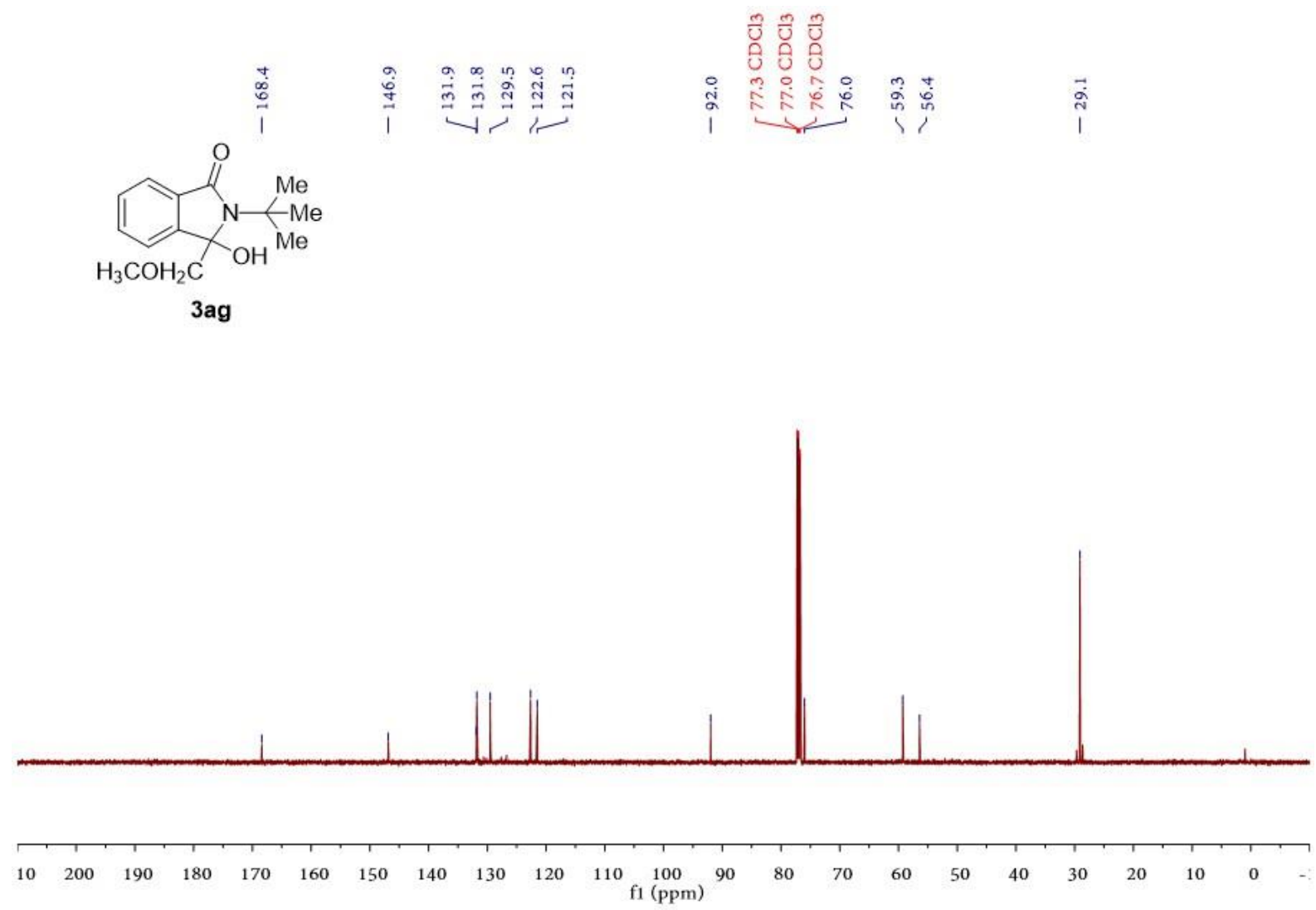


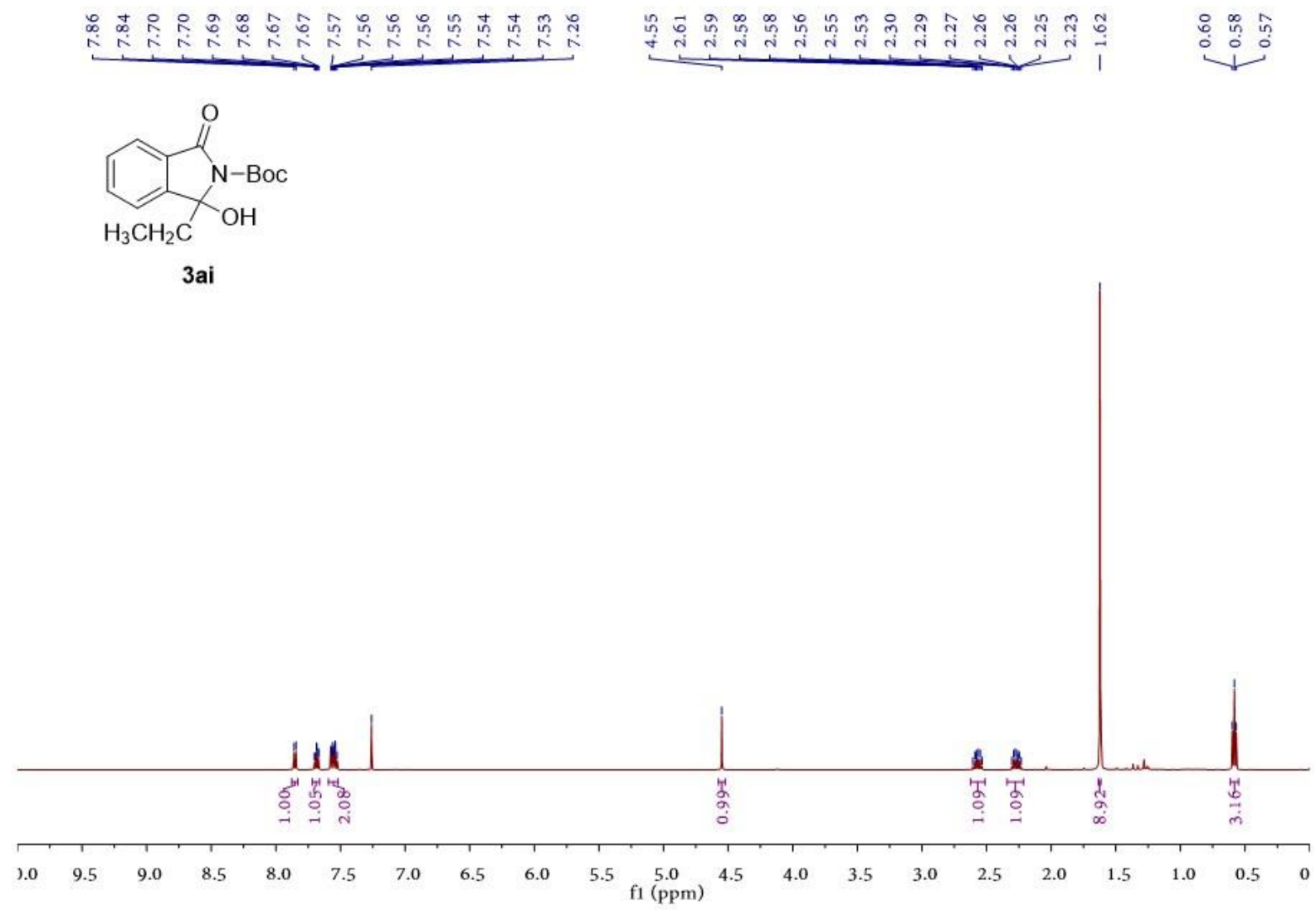


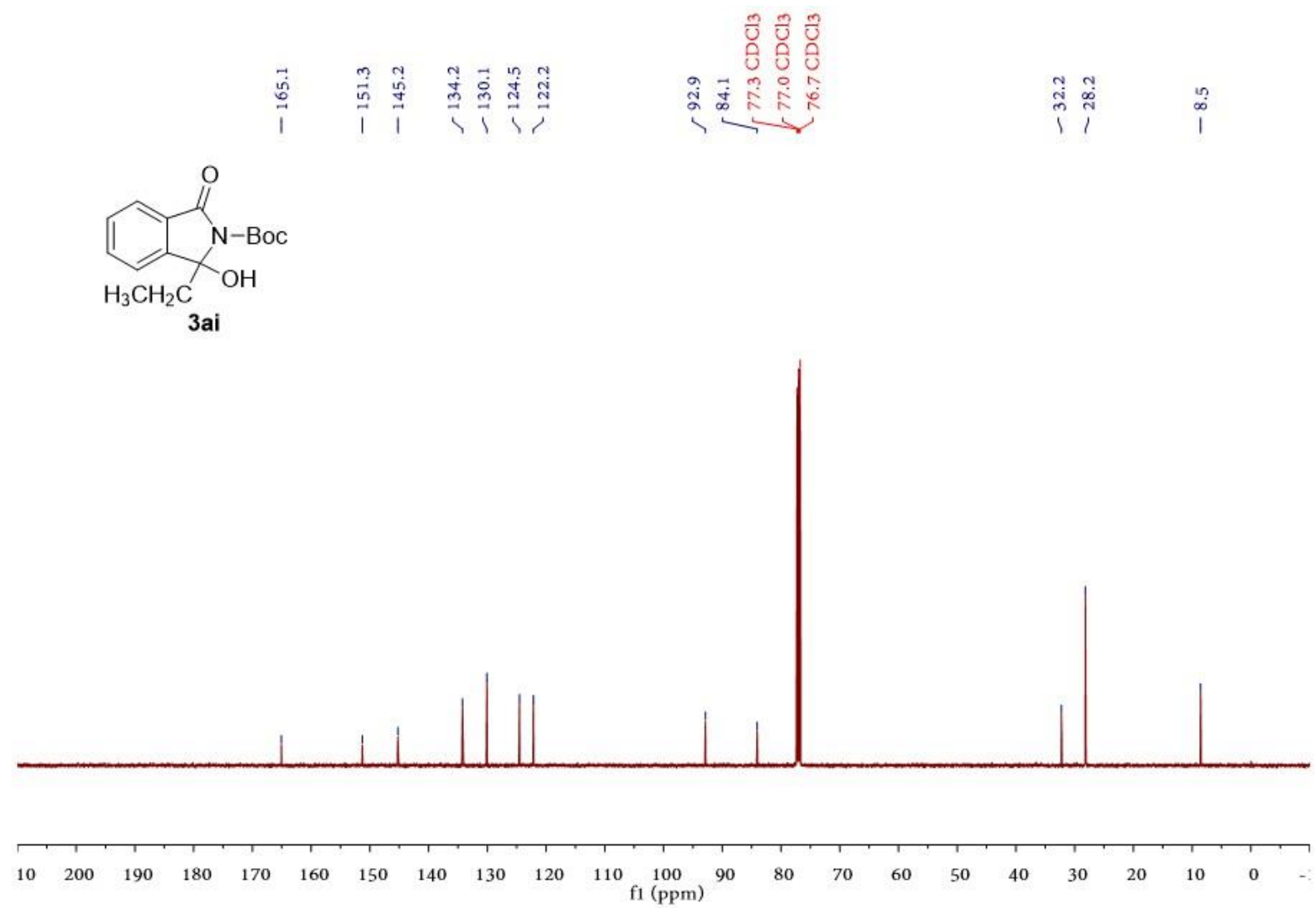


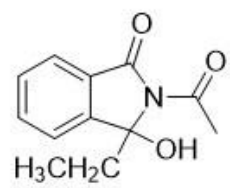
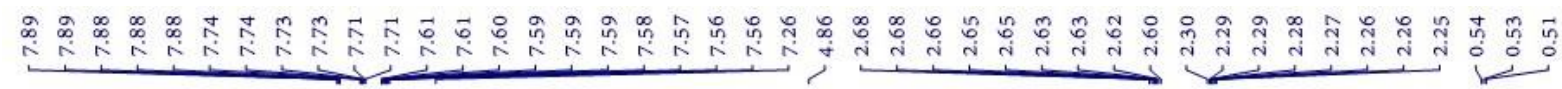




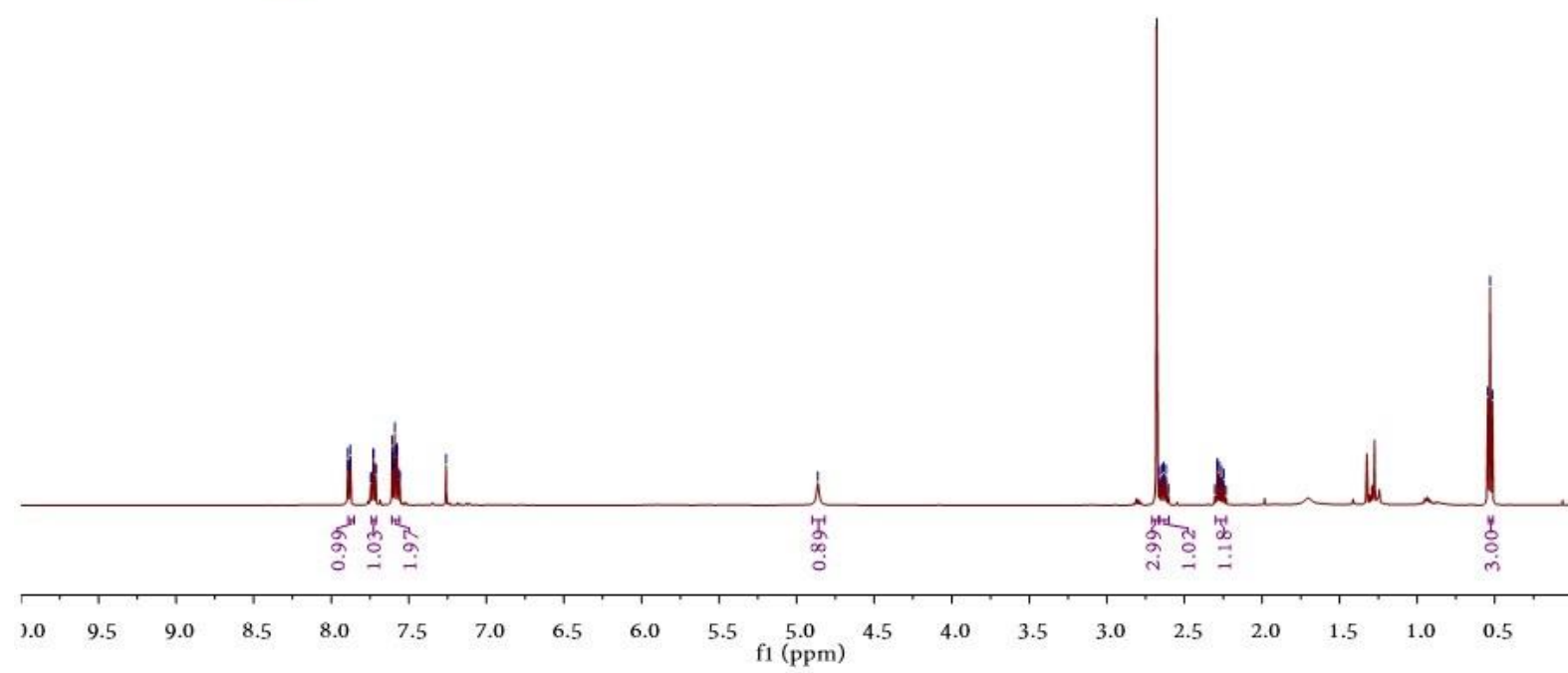


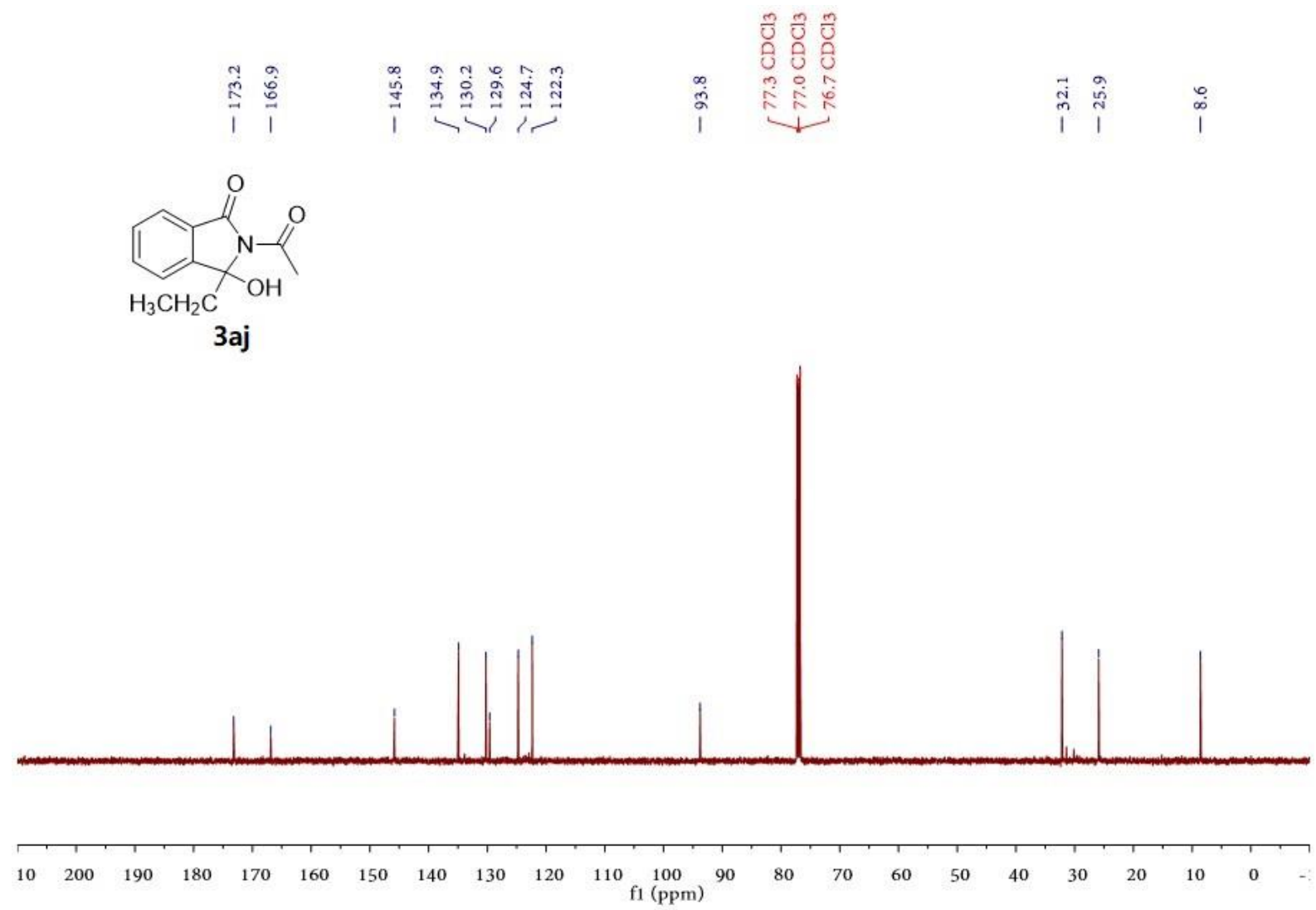


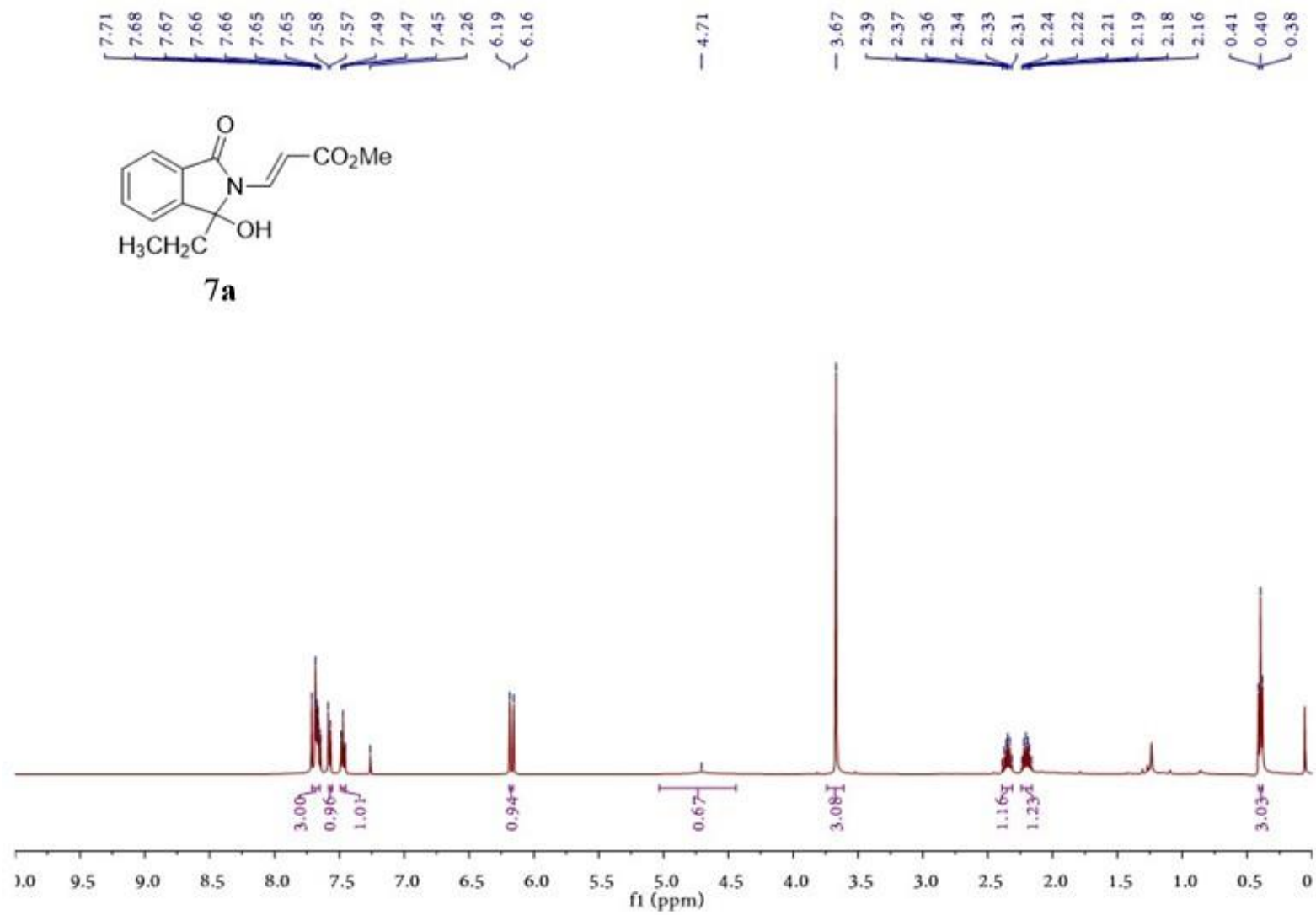


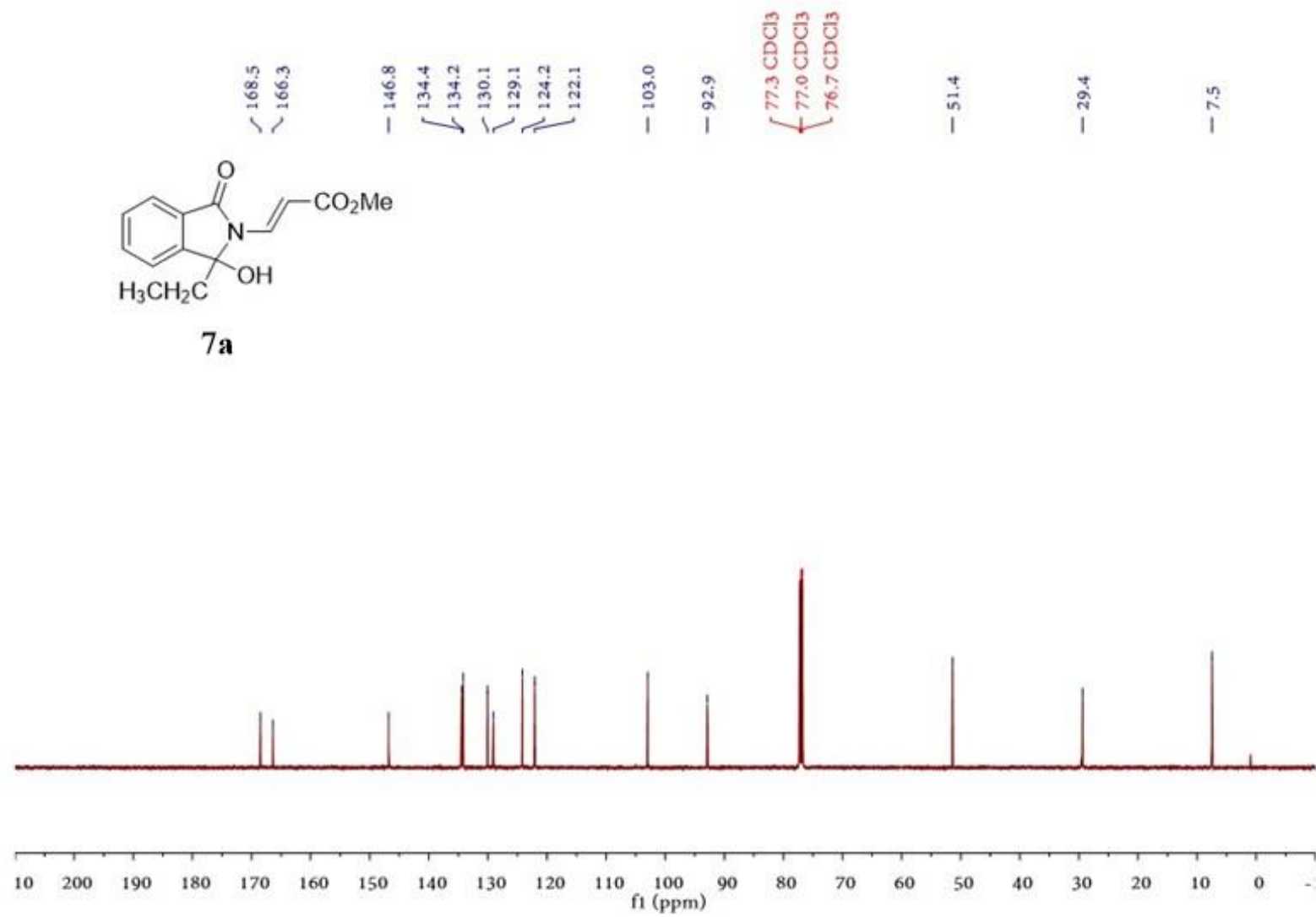


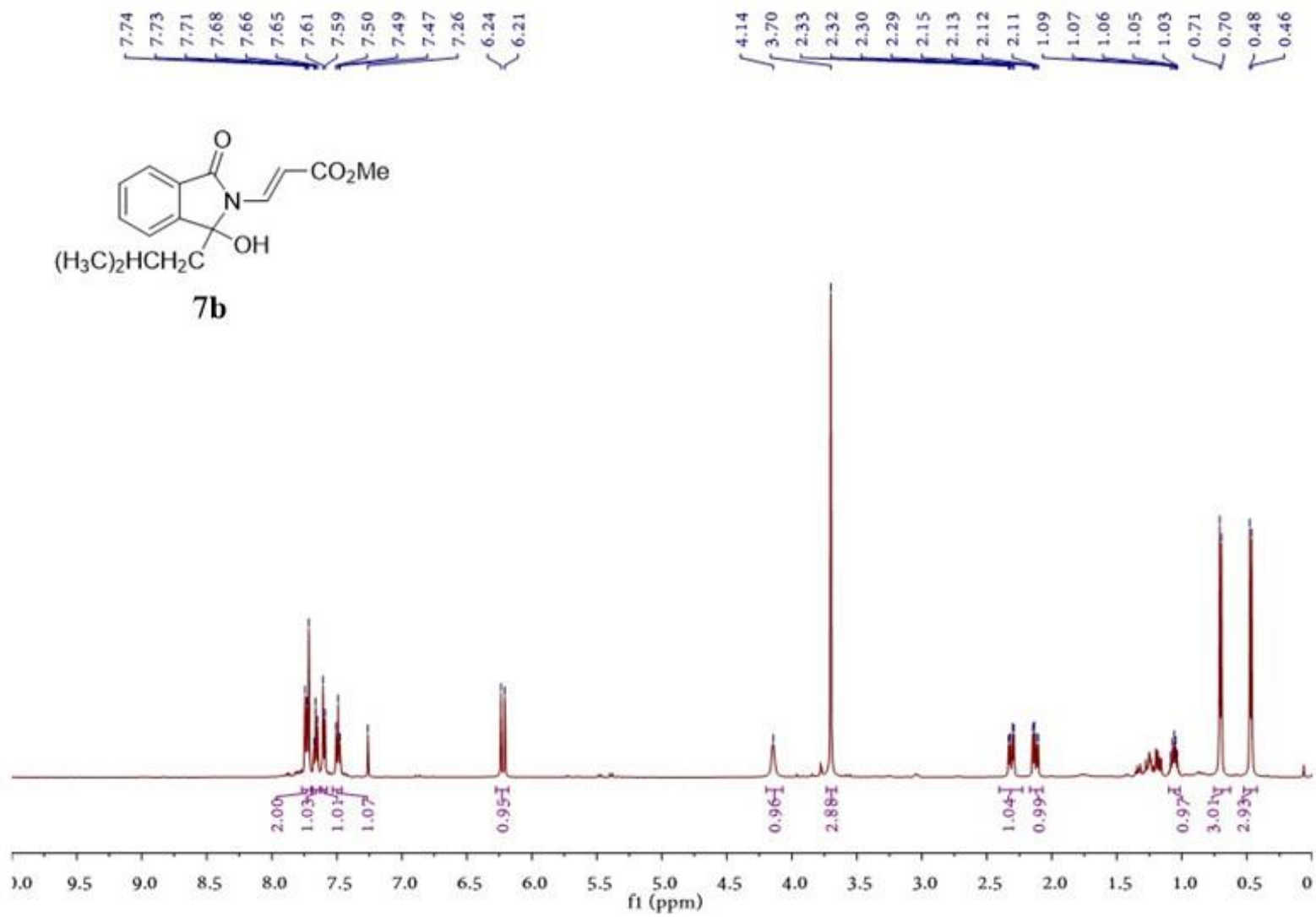
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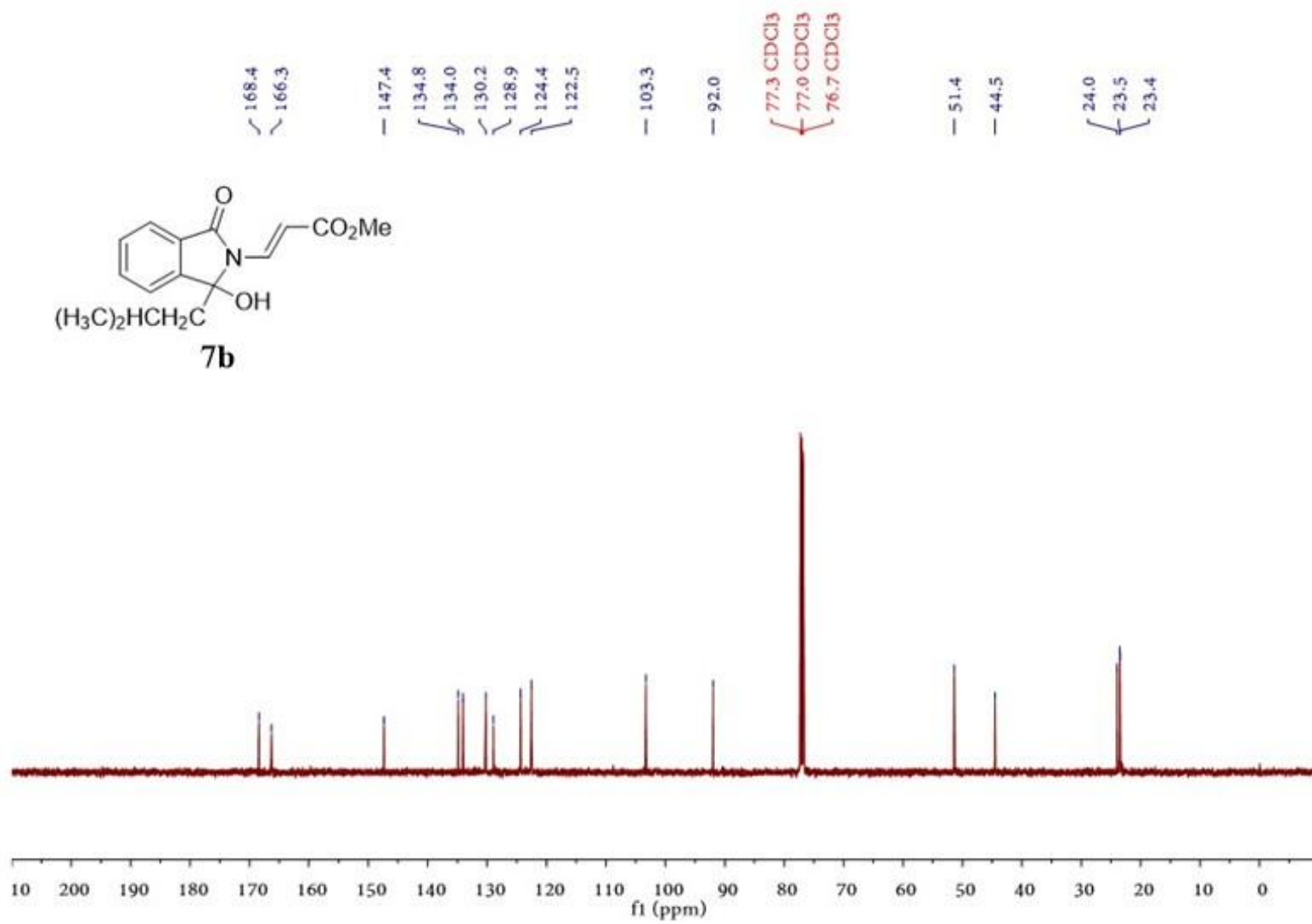


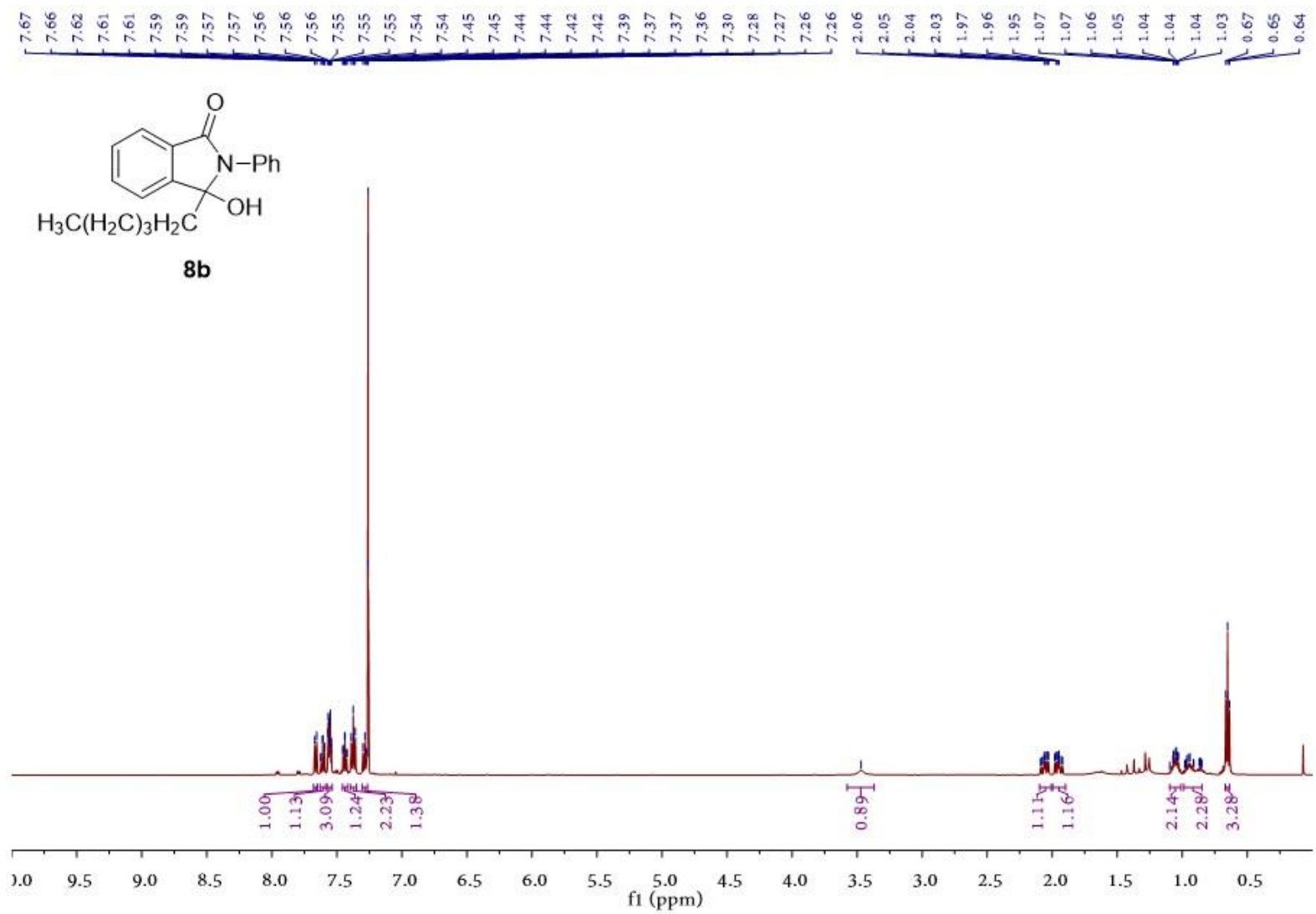


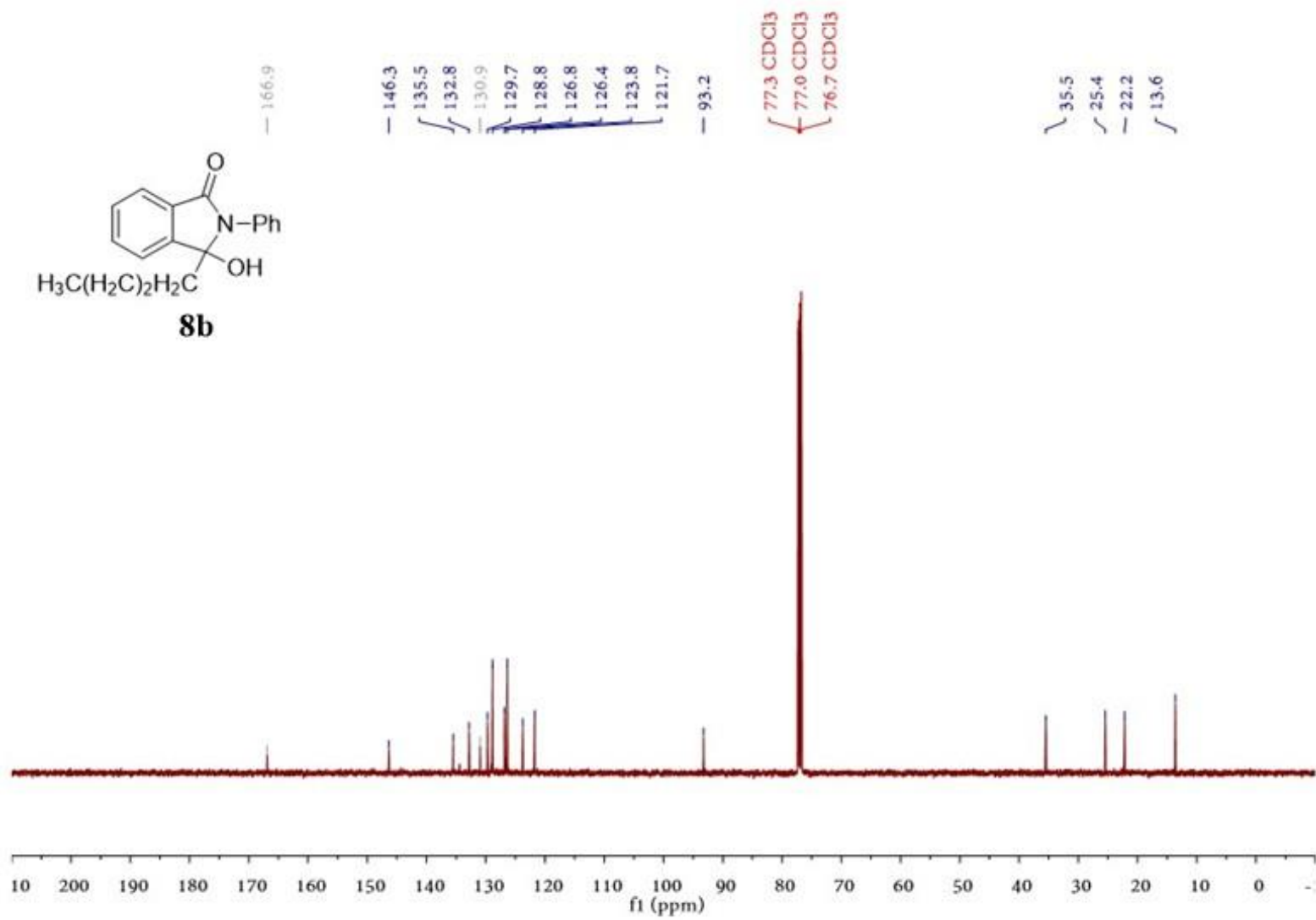


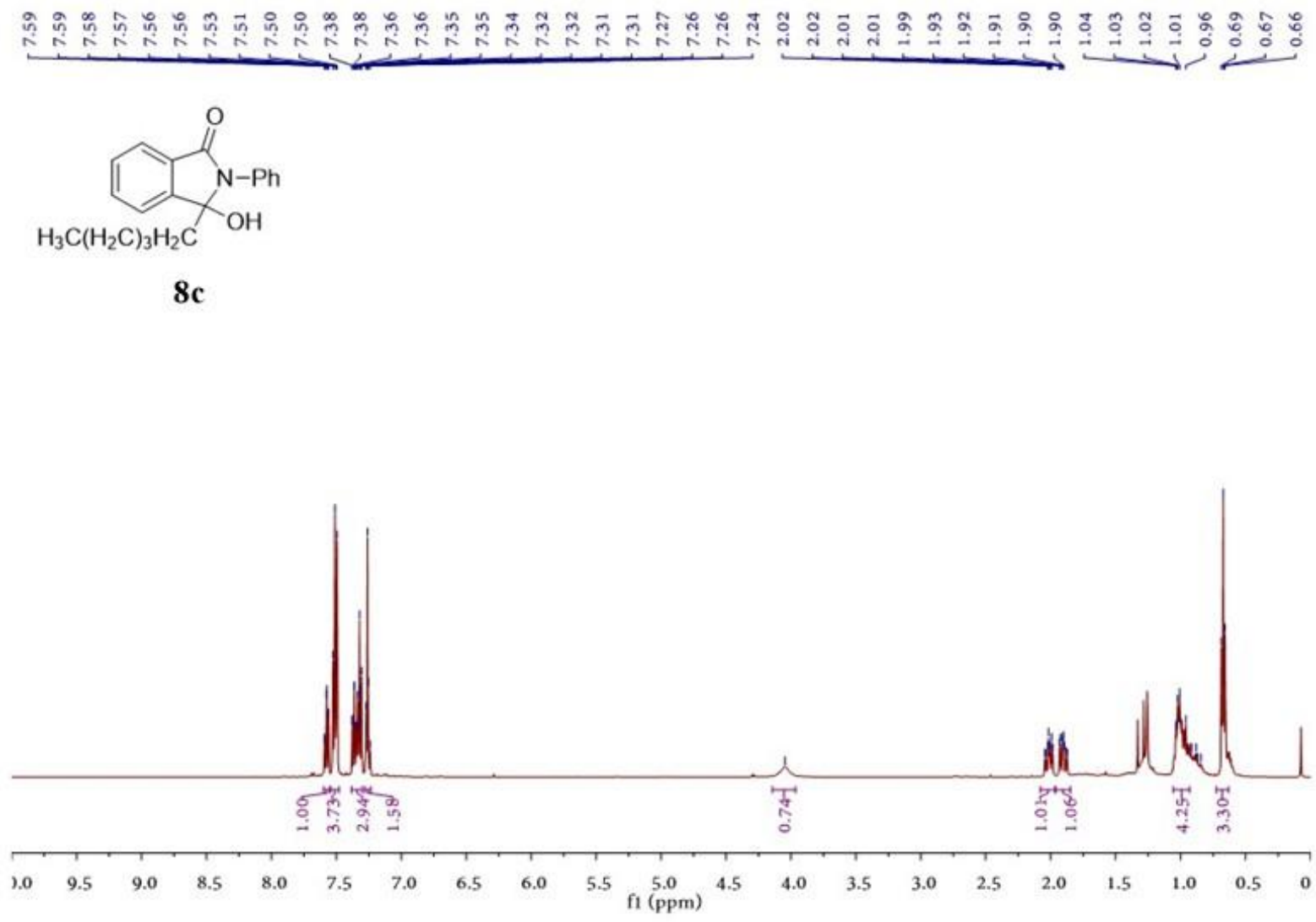


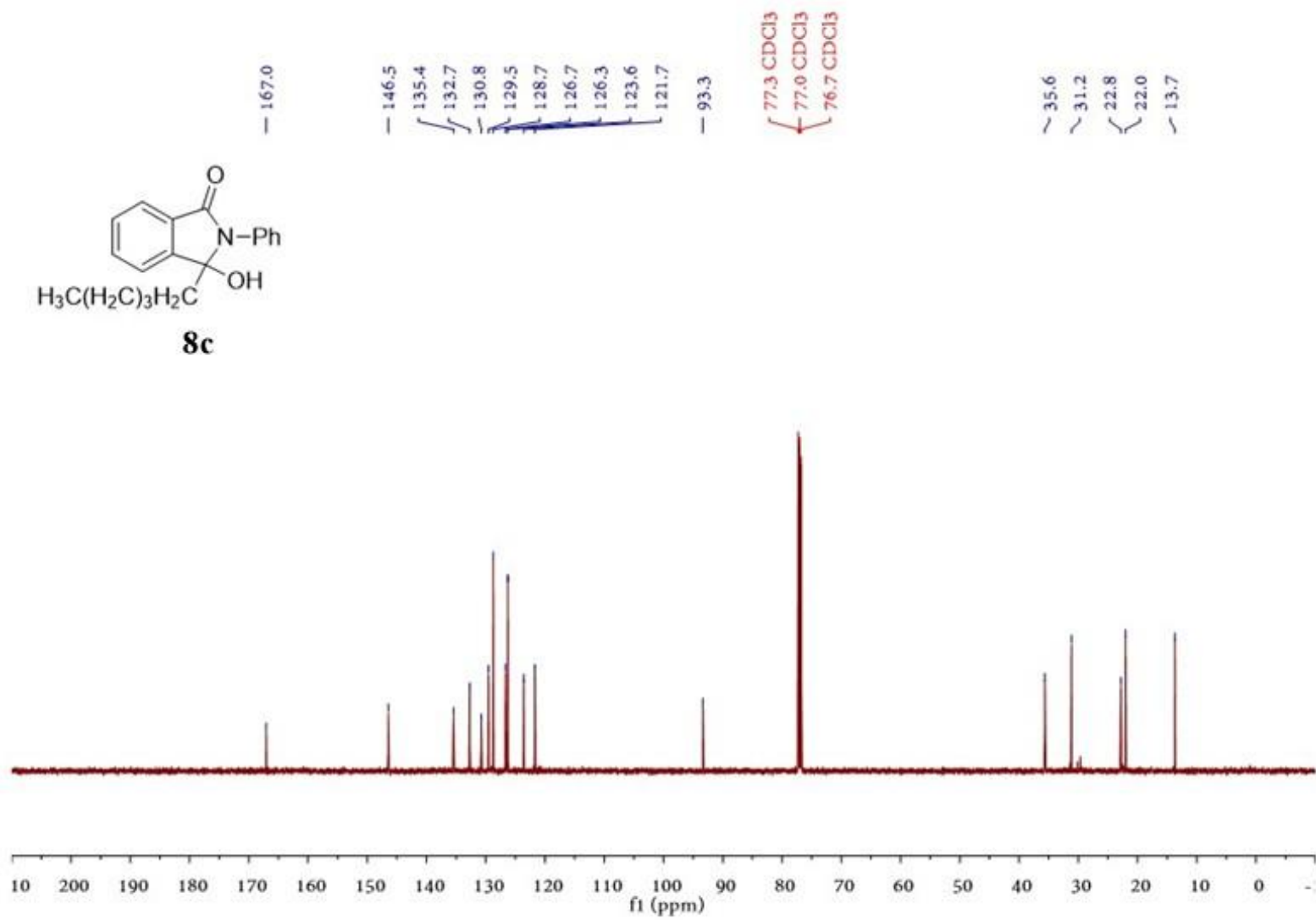


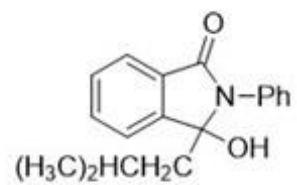




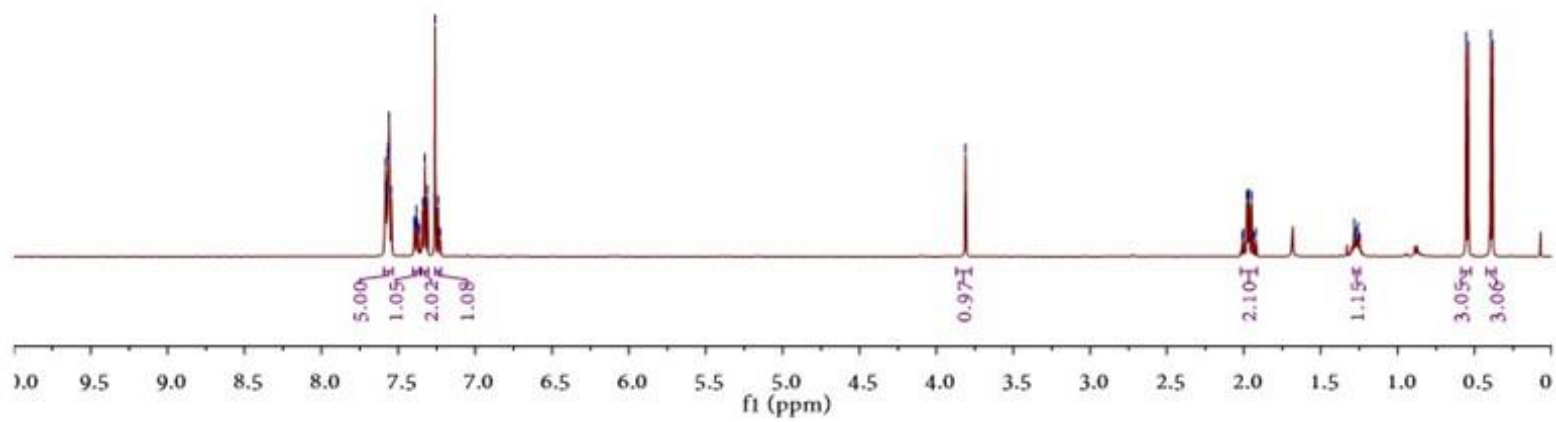


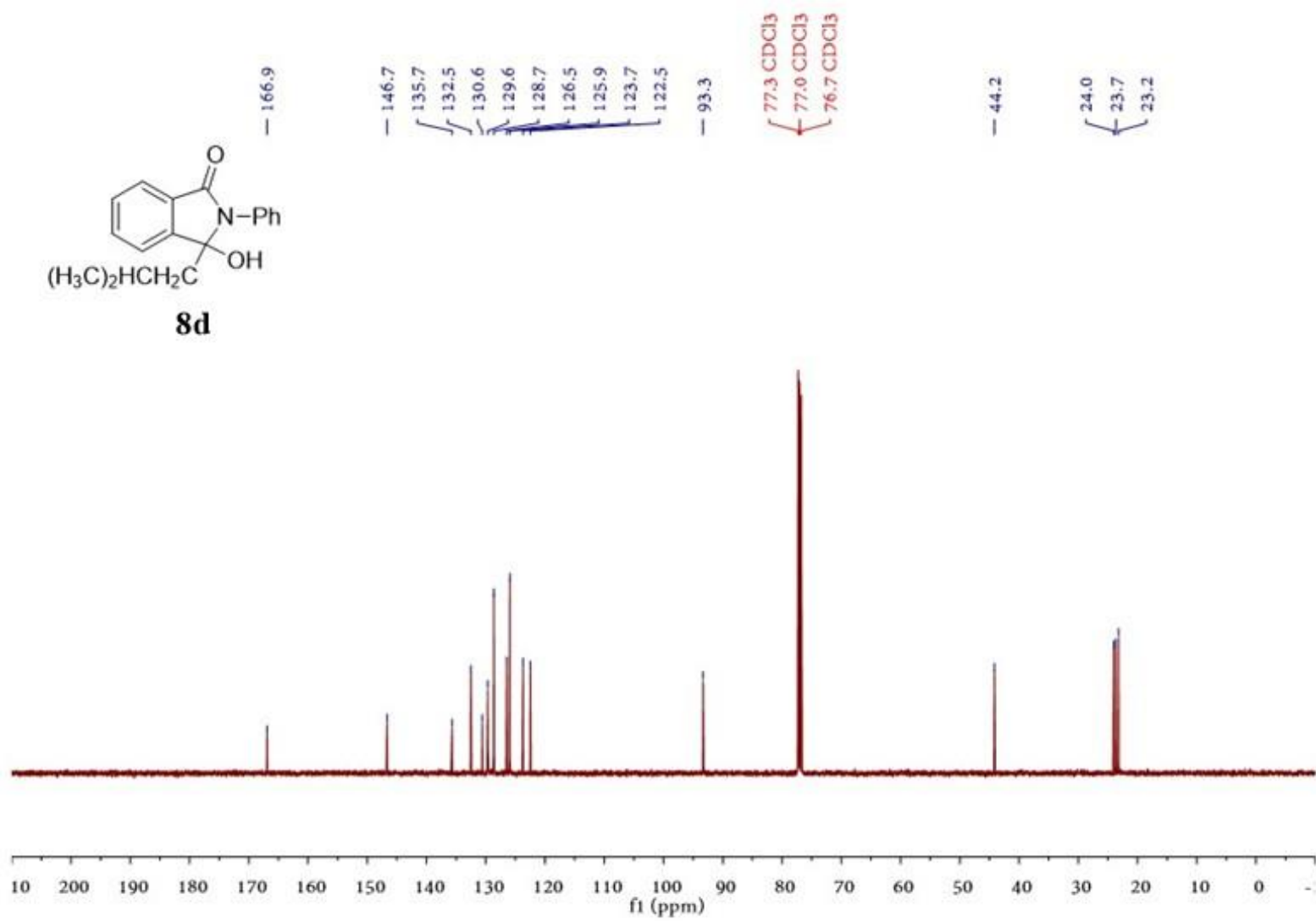


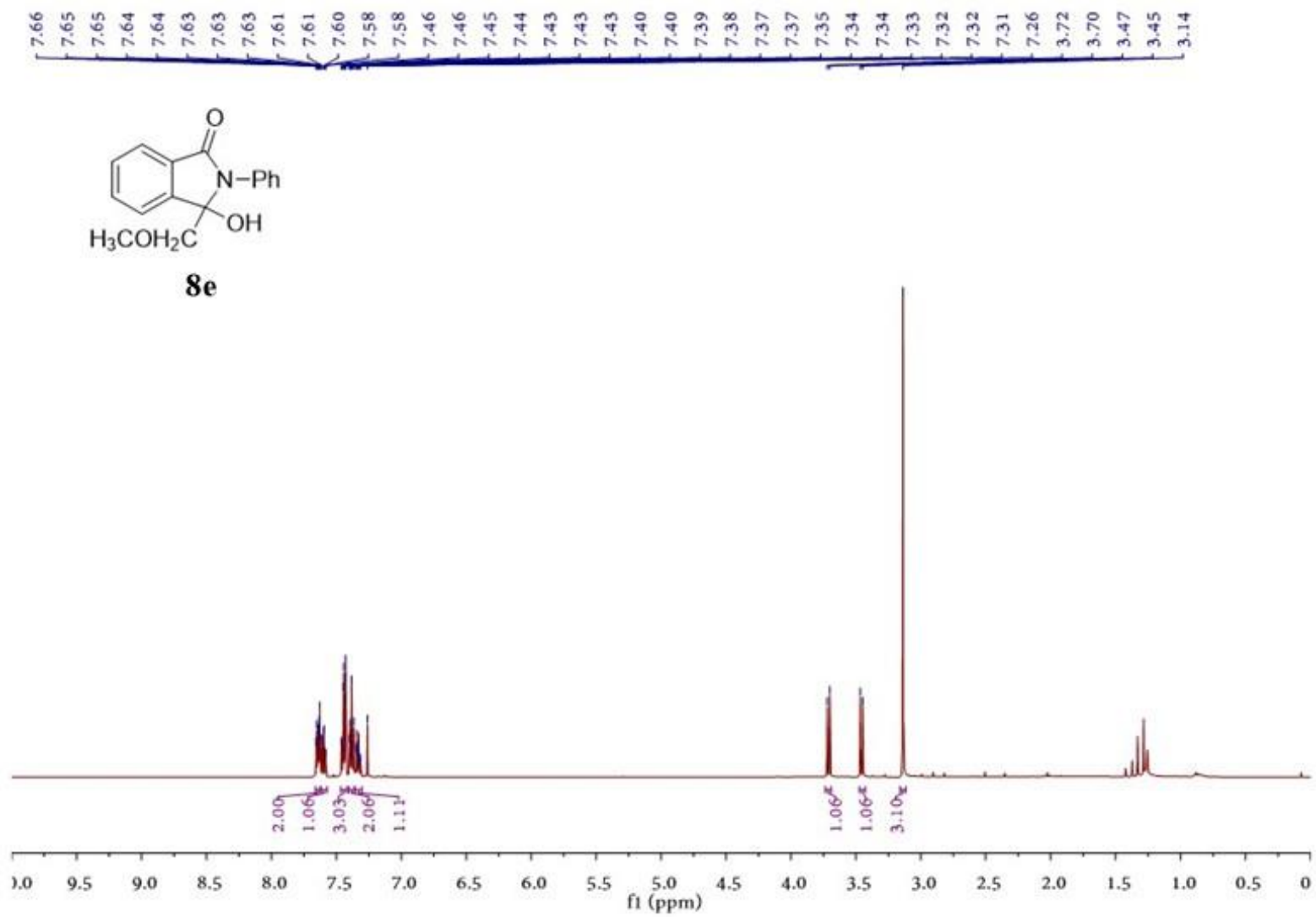


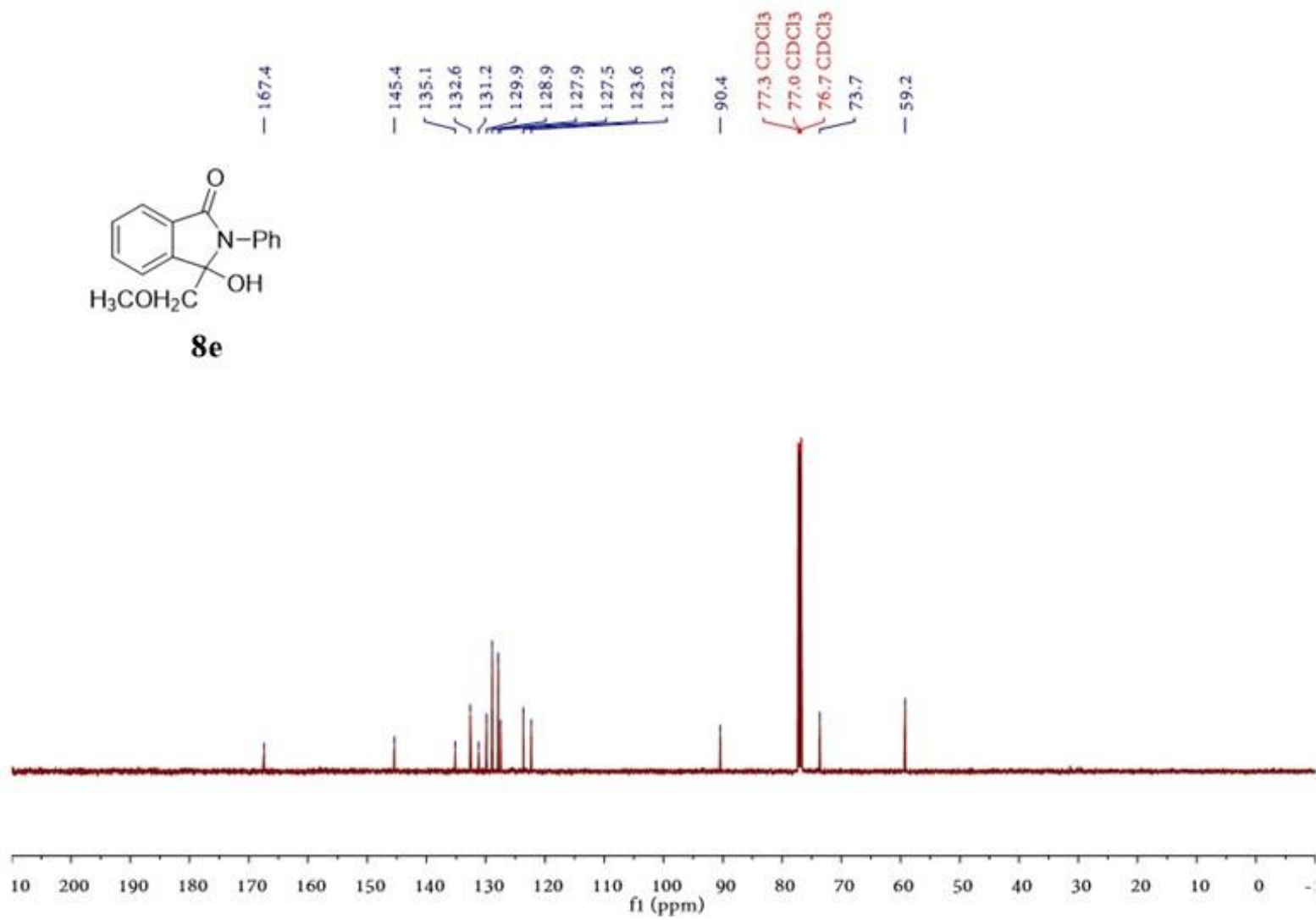


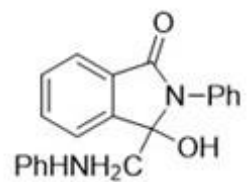
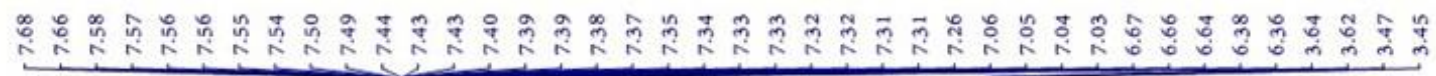
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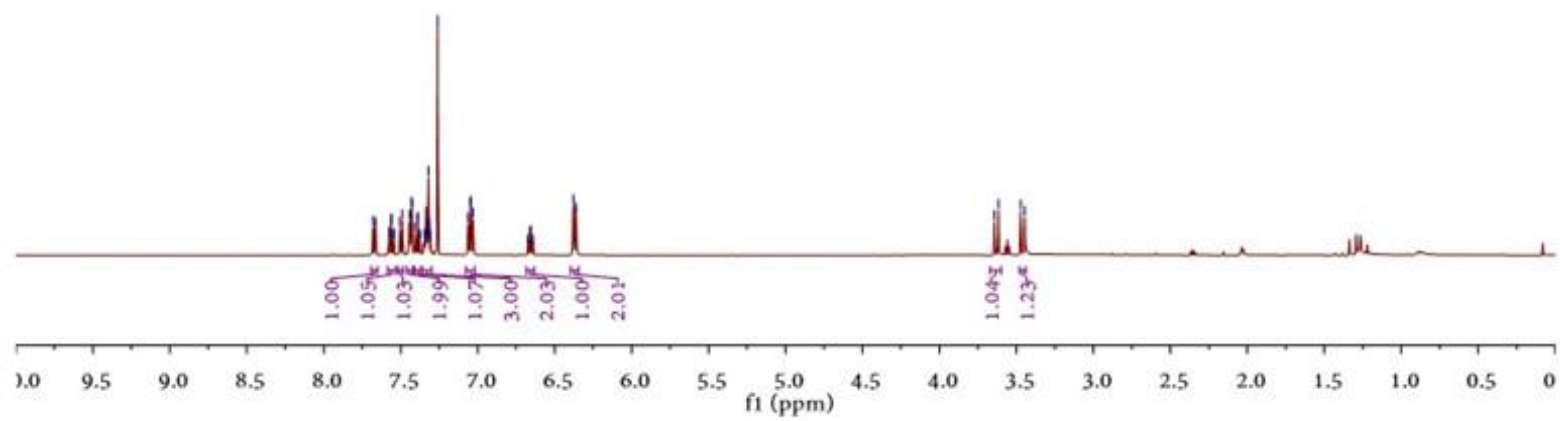


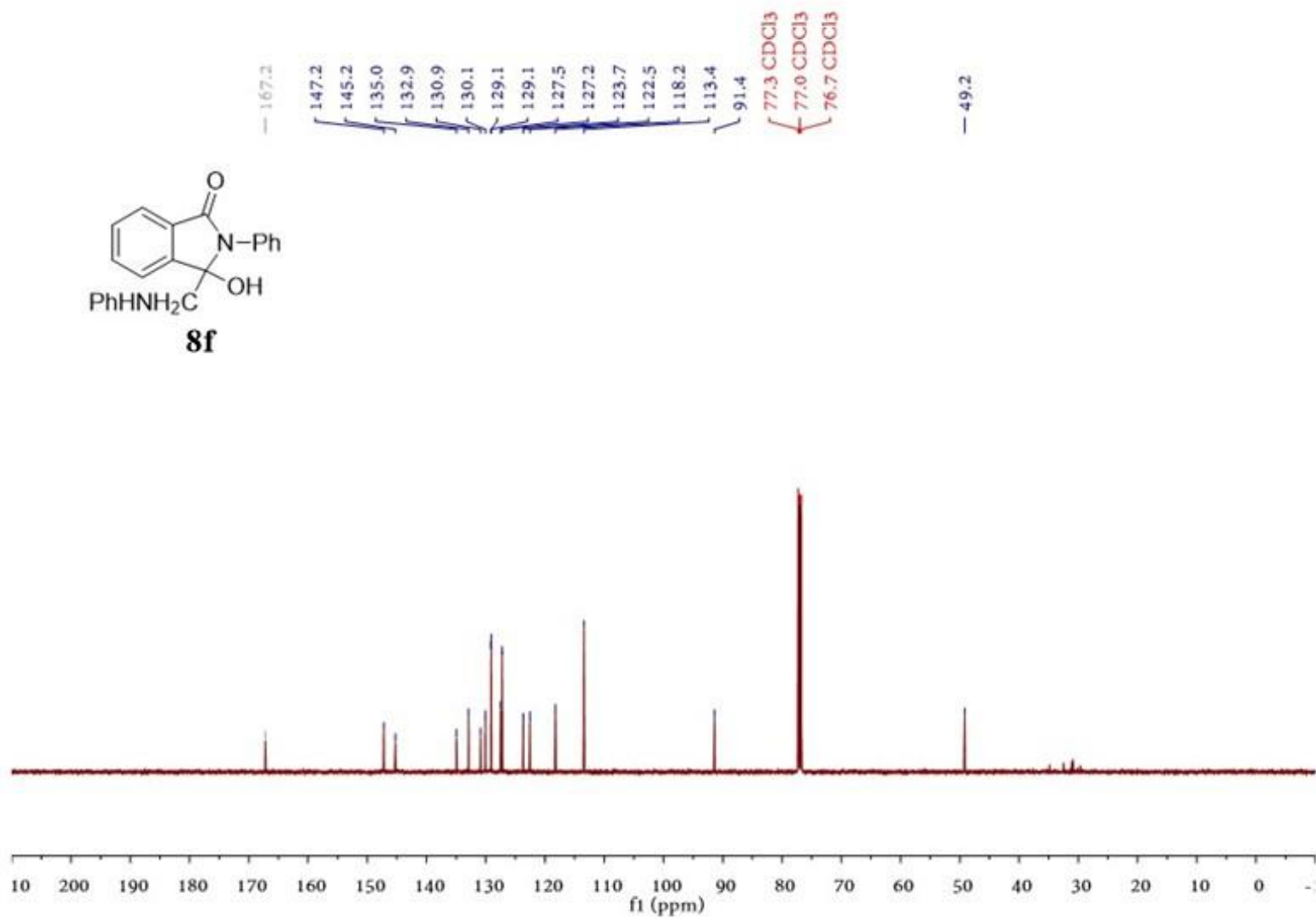


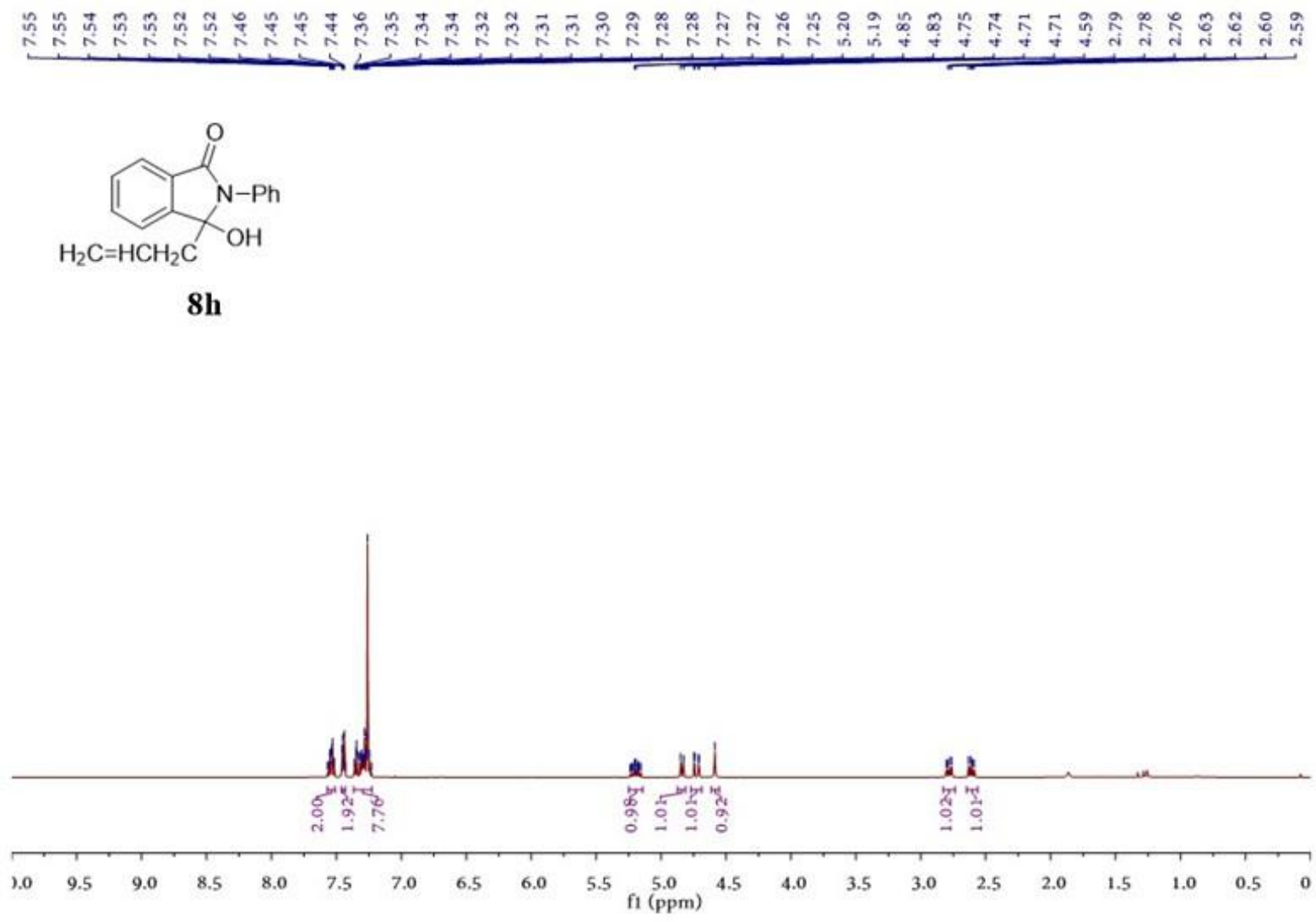


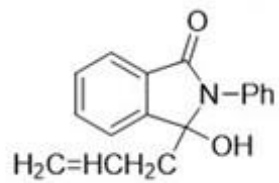


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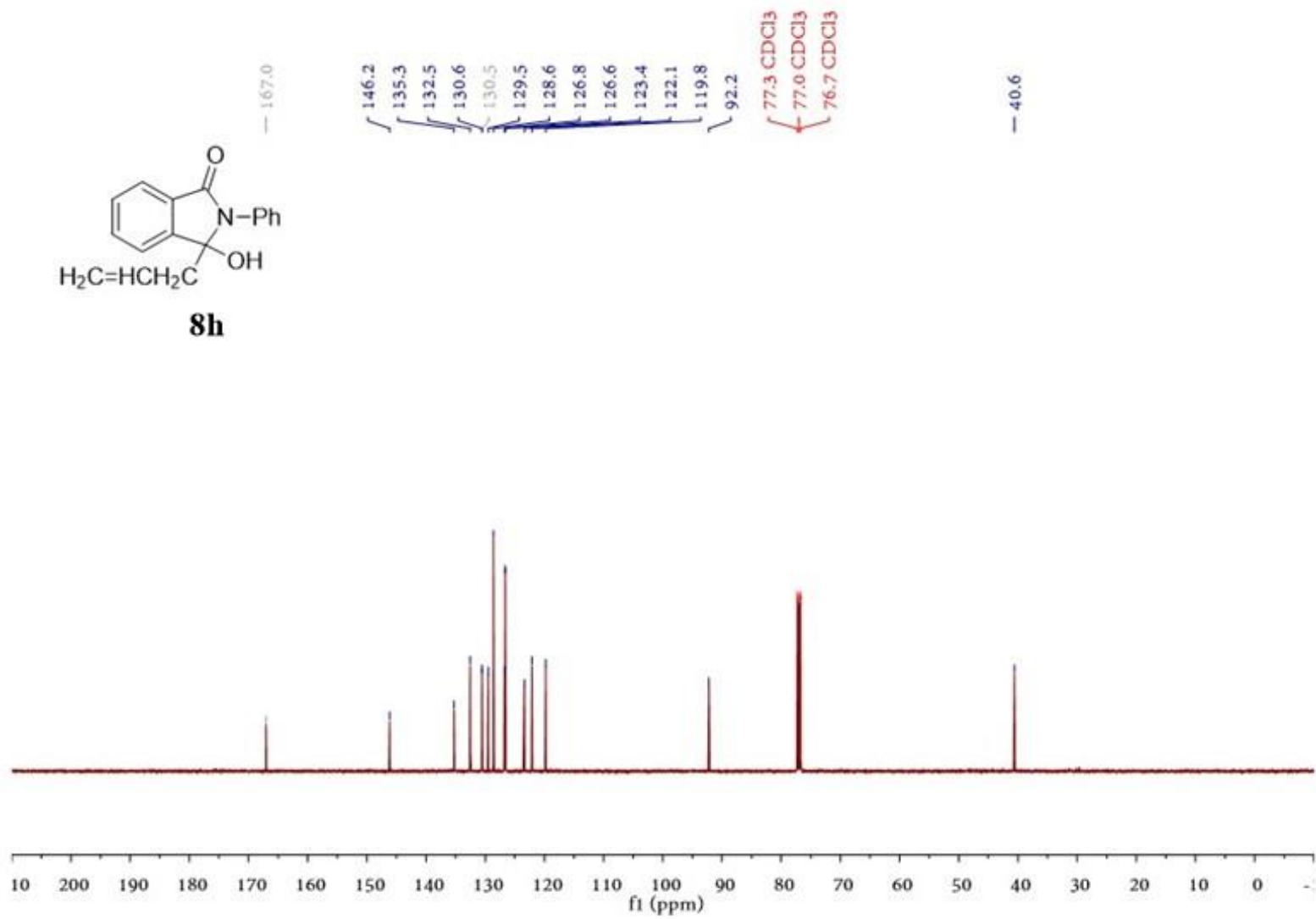


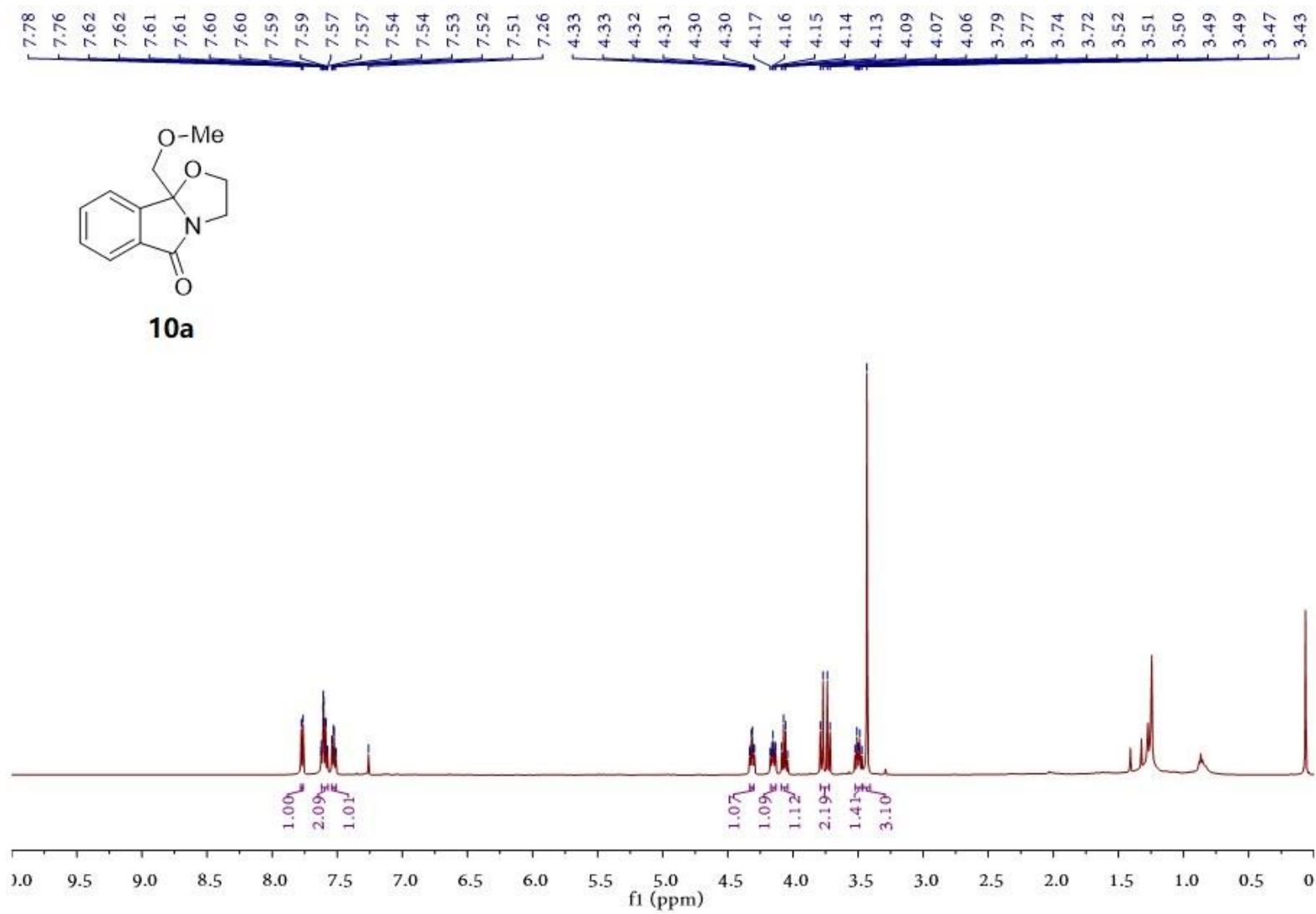


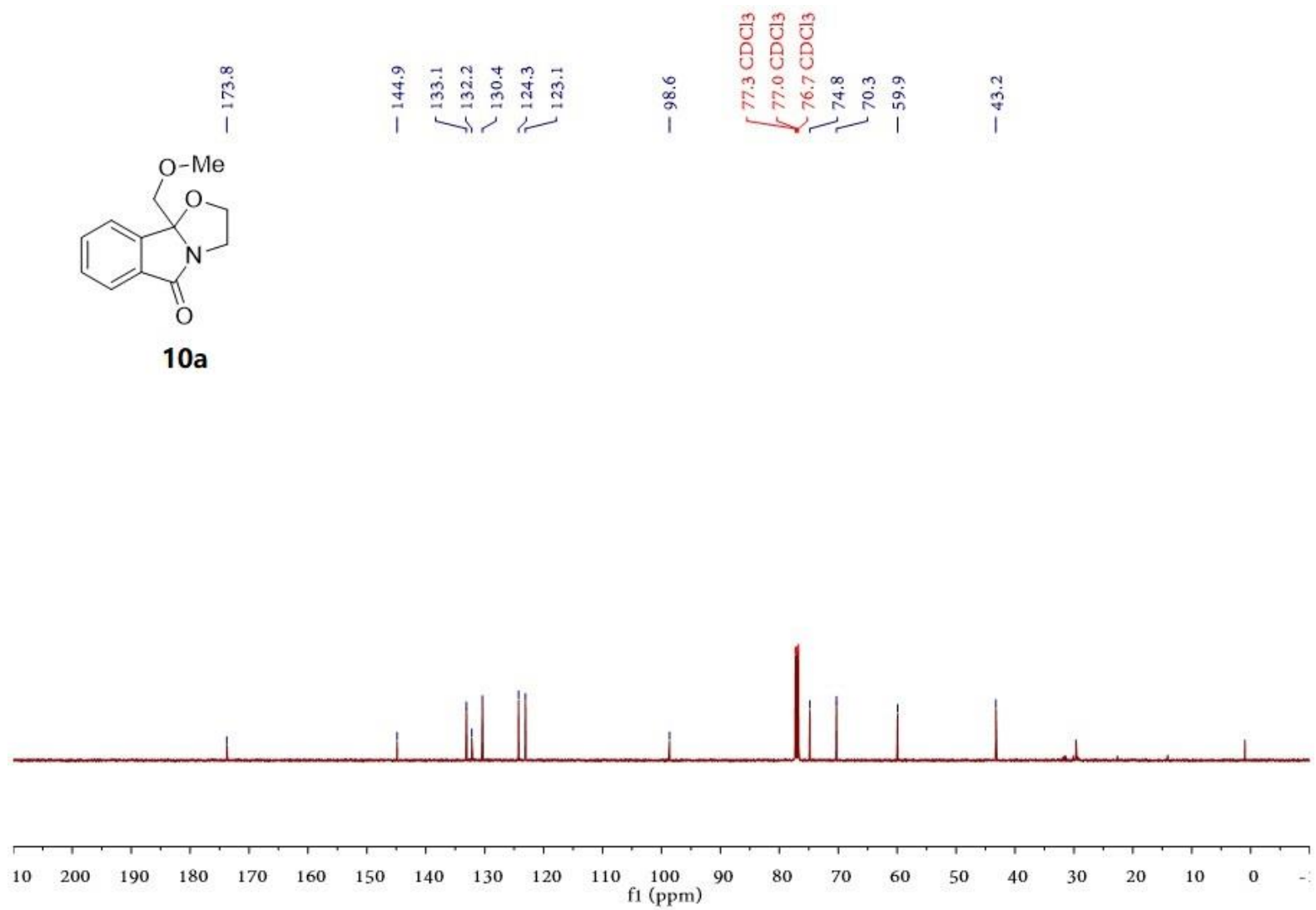
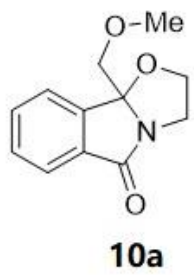


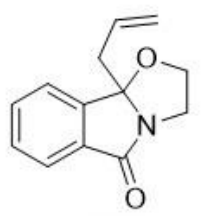


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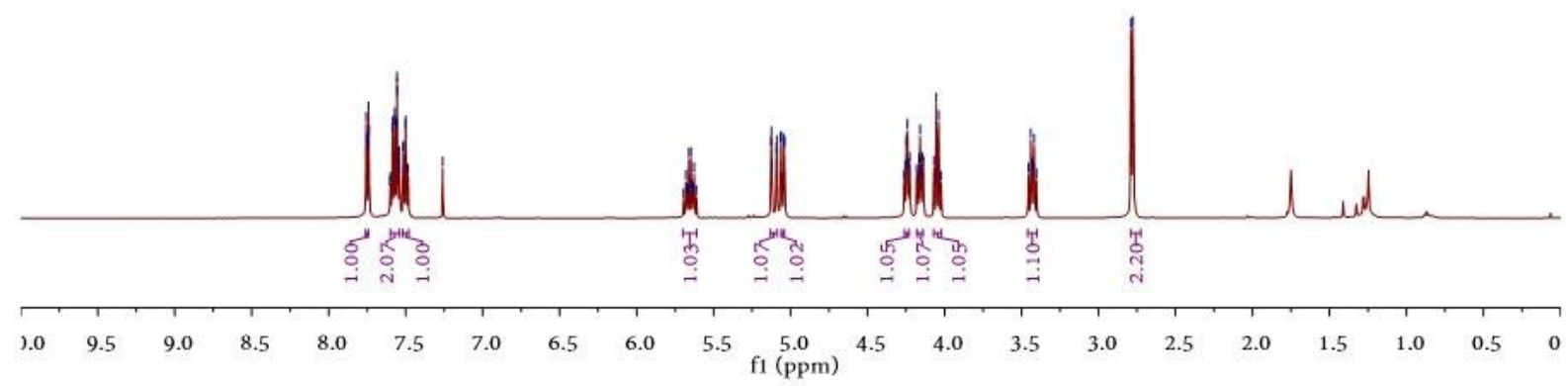


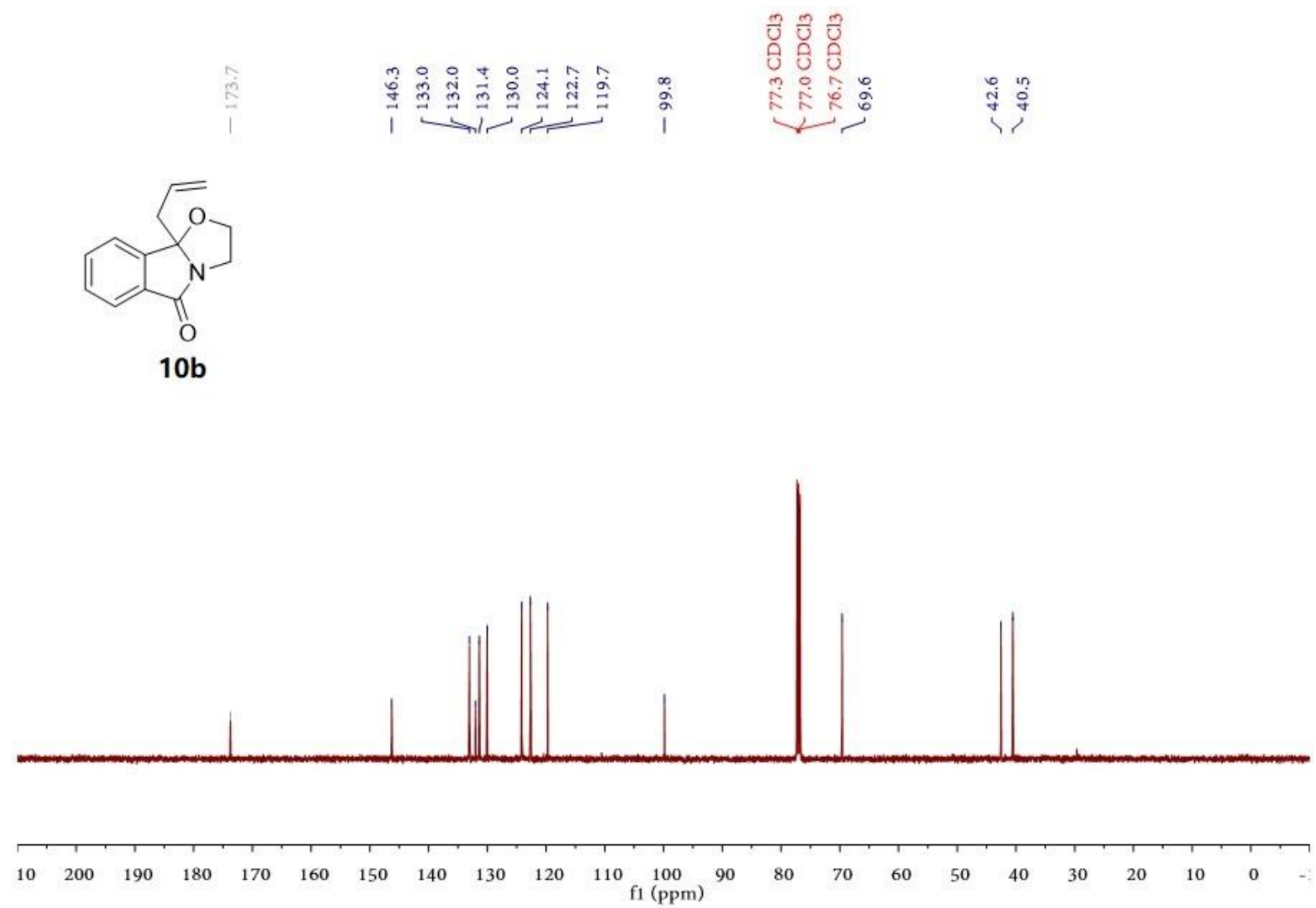


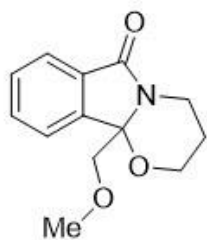
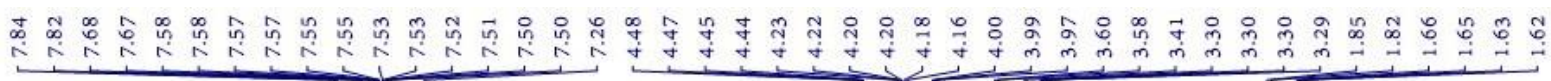




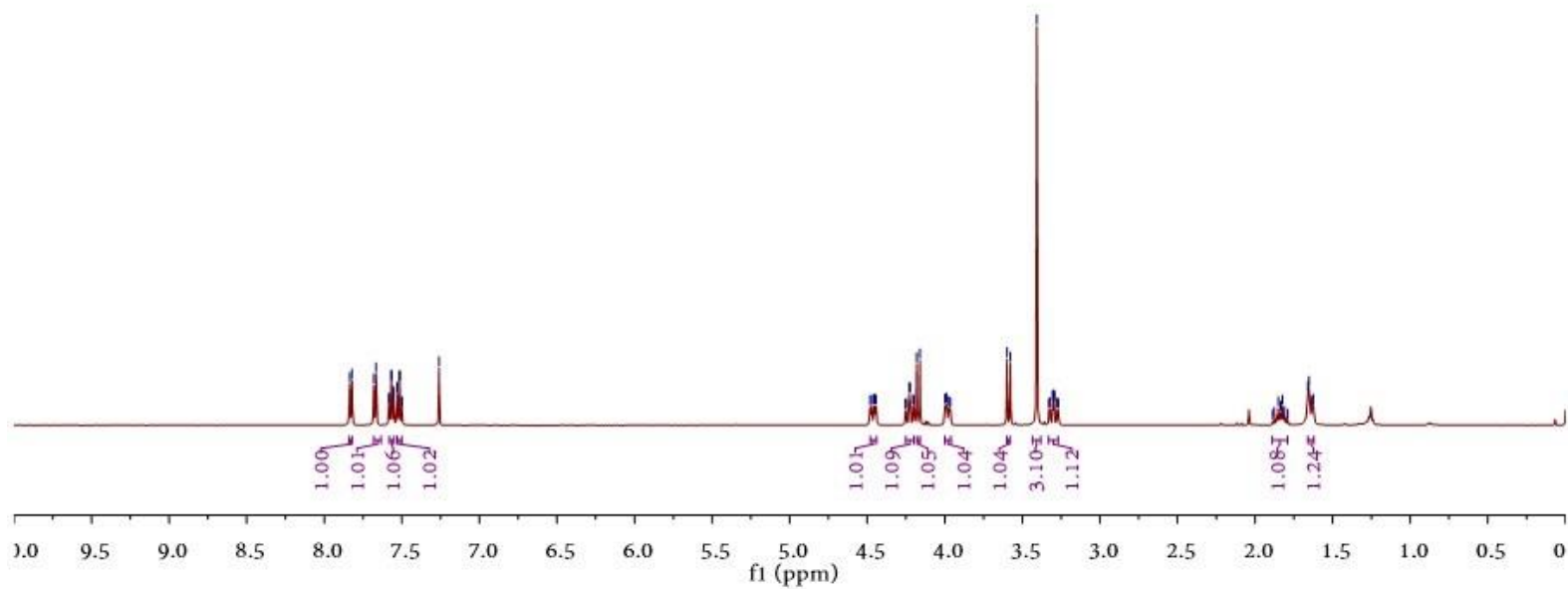
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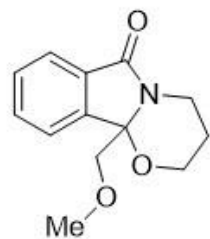






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